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## Nintendo Wii bowling strikes a chord with seniors

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

Grayling Middle School students, and seniors at the Grayling Senior Center, crossed the generational lines virtually last week, rolling for strikes and spares on the Nintendo Wii bowling game.

The Grayling Senior Center has partnered with Crawford County Michigan State University Extension Office's Teen Connections program to bring virtual bowling, using the Nintendo Wii, to the senior center.

The Nintendo Wii is a video game system that features wireless controllers that are about the size of a television remote control. The controllers allow the participants to twist, move and turn to manipulate the characters on the television screen as they participate in bowling, golfing, boxing and tennis competitions.

Utilizing the Nintendo Wii game system is part of a growing trend across the country and the state, said Andrea Radtke, the activities coordinator for the Crawford County Commission on Aging (COA).

"The advantage of the Wii program is that it combines physical and cognitive activity," Radtke said. "The Nintendo Wii is becoming pretty popular with senior citizens because it gets them moving, but it's not strenuous."

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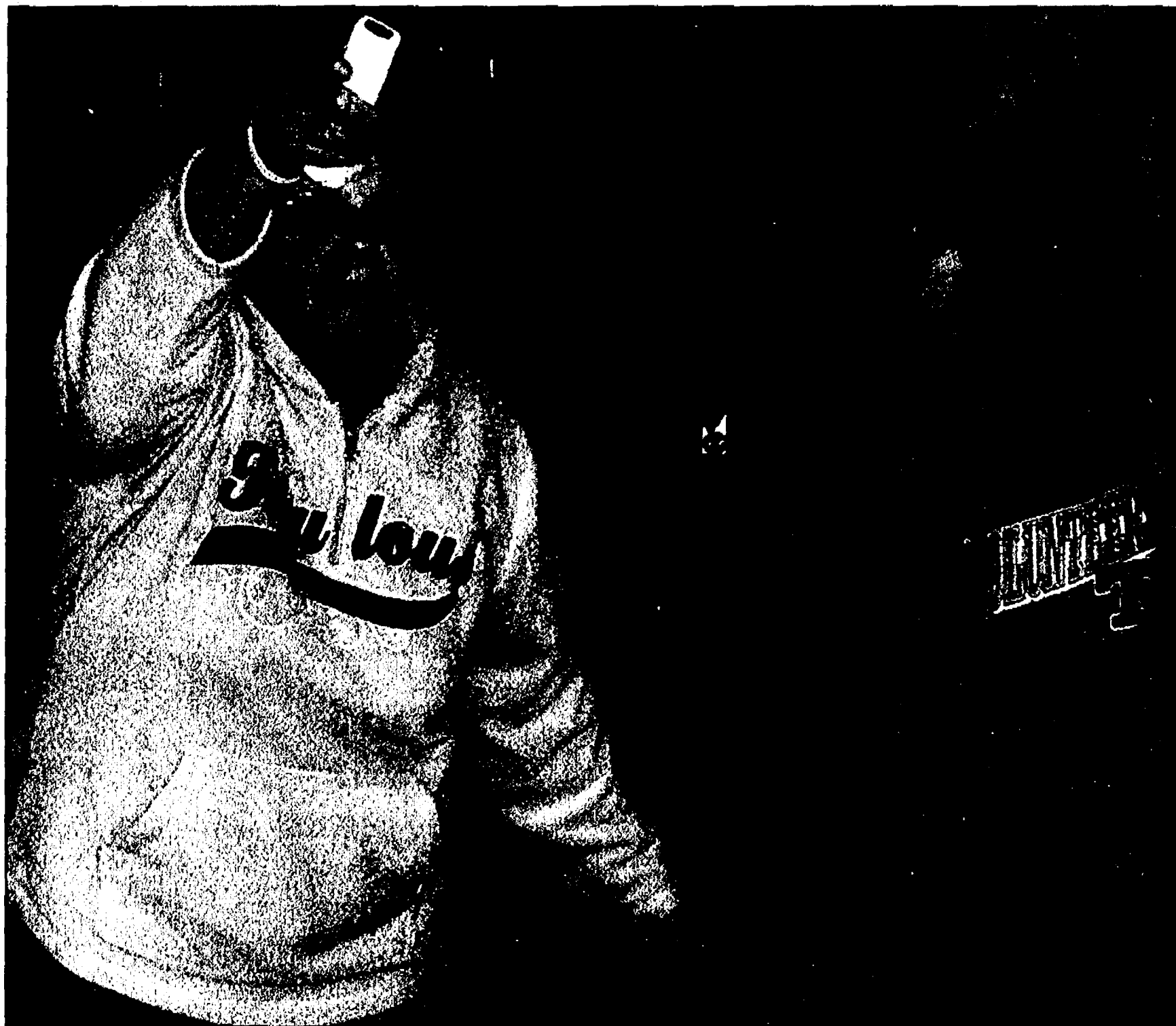


Photo by Dan Sanderson

The Grayling Senior Center has partnered with Crawford County Michigan State University Extension Office's Teen Connections program to bring virtual bowling, using the Nintendo Wii, to the senior center. Above, senior Barbara McCray takes her turn at the virtual bowling game as Dana Molands, age 12 and a Grayling Middle School sixth grader, looks on.

## Camp Grayling plans for \$33 million training center

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

A \$33.6 million project to build new barracks at Camp Grayling will boost the capability of the military post to train soldiers and provide a much needed shot in the arm for the local economy.

Architects and engineers are currently designing the project that will establish new barracks to house troops at Camp Grayling.

Col. Dean Brown, the Camp Grayling commander, said the project is the largest initiative taken to build new barracks on the grounds since the early 1970s.

The heated and air conditioned buildings will have the capacity for 1,400 beds where the soldiers can stay while they are training. The building will replace the cement block structure barracks, which have no bathrooms, running water or heat.

The upgrades in the barracks will allow the camp to offer training to soldiers in its off season, which runs from November through April.

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## Students attend Youth in Government conference

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

Just over a dozen Grayling High School students learned the inter-workings of state government earlier this month, assuming the roles of state lawmakers at the state capitol in Lansing.

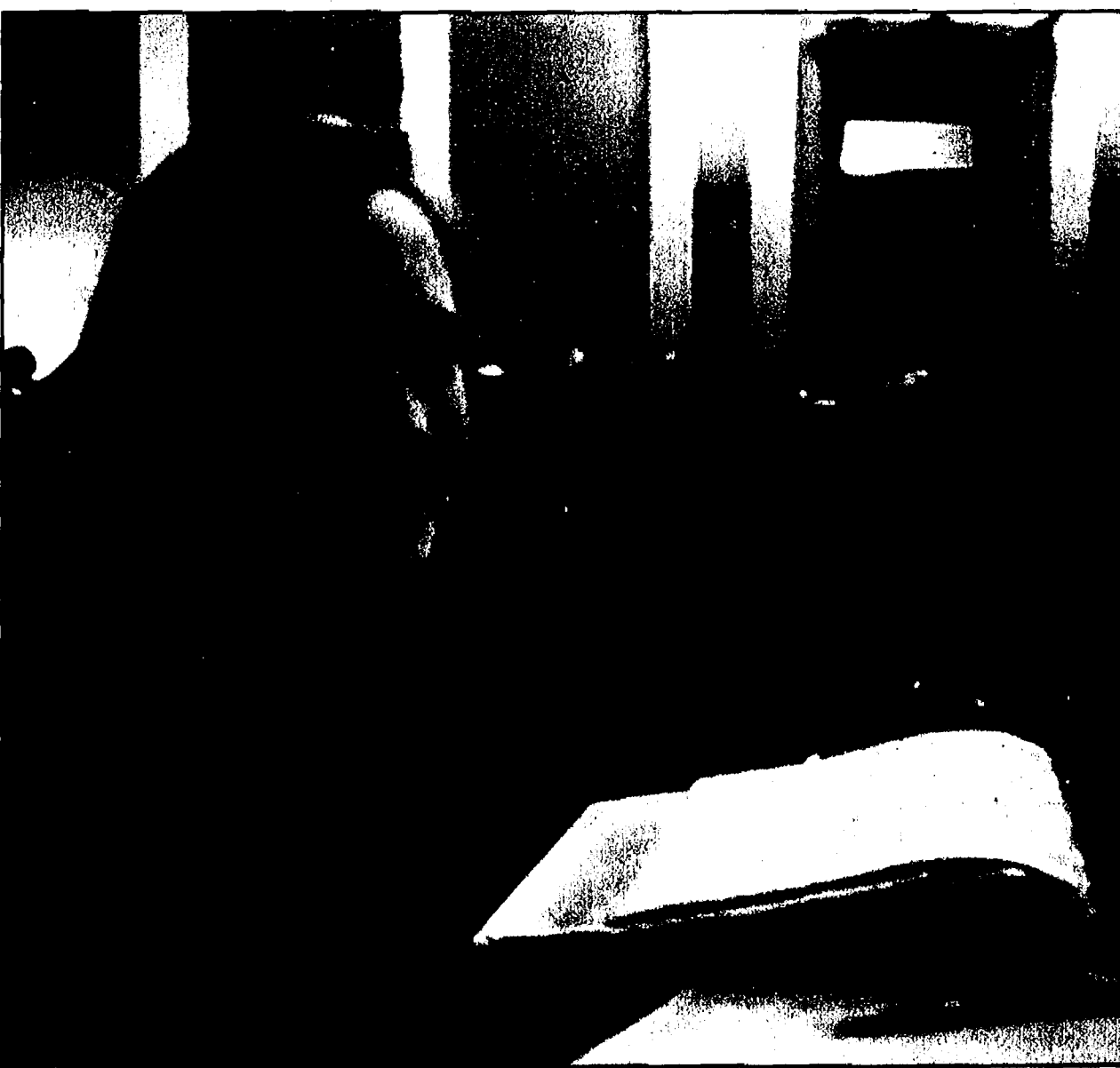
Students from Grayling High School were among 700 youngsters from across the state that represented their schools and their YMCAs at the 60th annual Michigan Youth in Government High School conference, held in Lansing March 5-9.

While at the conference, students served as senators, state representatives, legislative officers, chaplains, committee chairs and members of the media, applying their classroom knowledge in a real government setting.

Representing the contingent from Grayling High School were: seniors Cassie Pizzi and Kilah Vanderstelt; juniors Kayla Hawes, Emily Sloan, Peter Alexander, Brianna Farrell, Dylan Nye, John Cochrane, Will Fowler, April Korneli and Meghan Wyskiel; sophomore Rachel Wilson; and freshmen

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Students from Grayling High School were among 700 youngsters from across the state that represented their schools and their YMCAs at the 60th annual Michigan Youth in Government High School conference, held in Lansing March 5-9. Above, Brianna Farrell is pictured at a desk in the Michigan House of Representatives during a Youth in Government legislative session.

## Timbering foes protest Mason Tract cutting

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

Timbering of a large oak stand in the Mason Tract has created a stir with some forestry foes and Crawford County residents.

A 49-acre stand of oak located in the Mason Tract, pristine property which surrounds the South Branch of the AuSable River, was recently clear-cut by loggers.

The Mason Tract includes 14 miles on the AuSable River that was given to the state by auto executive George Mason upon his death in 1954. The state has added to the original 1,300 acre donation, making it 4,500 acres of recreational land available for hunting, hiking, fly-fishing and cross country skiing.

Susan Thiel, the Grayling unit manager for the Department of

Natural Resources, said the decision to clear cut the oak was made so that new oak trees will regenerate from the stump sprouts.

Thiel said some of the oak trees were nearing 100 years, were starting to decline and were prone to disease and insect infestations.

"We need to have that regeneration so we can continue to have oak on our landscape," Thiel said. "Statewide we are losing our oak, and I want that oak to continue to be a part of the Mason Tract."

Another 30 acres of jack pine in the Mason Tract is also slated to be timbered.

Thiel said the decision to forest the land was made in 2002,

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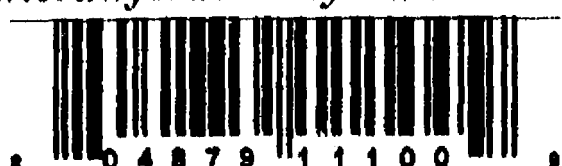
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# Camp Grayling plans for \$33 million training center

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"The building will allow us year round usage and give us greater capability to train troops to support the Army and National Guard as they are preparing to head into the theater of operations in Iraq," Brown said.

The project will include the construction of eight barracks to house enlisted soldiers, one officers quarters, two company operations facilities, two dining facilities and two battalion headquarters. The multiple free standing

structures will total 230,000 square feet of space. The buildings will be similar to barracks built at the Camp Grayling Army Airfield in recent years.

The project to replace the barracks and other facilities, which are called an Operational Training Readiness Center, was not slated to take place until 2013, under Camp Grayling's five-year development plan.

Brown said that Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., who is chairman of the U.S. Senate's Armed Services Committee, was instrumental in moving the project forward.

Brown said that Levin saw the need for barracks modernization and a need for state-of-the-art facilities that other National Guard and Army training centers already have.

"This is a major coup and a huge plus for us," said Brown, who is chairman of a national training center advisory council for the National Guard Bureau.

TowerPinkster, an architecture and engineering firm that has offices in Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids, has been selected by the

Michigan Department of Management and Budget to do the planning for the new facilities.

Major Jim Robson, the post engineer for Camp Grayling, said just over a third of the design work has taken place. The final plans are expected to be completed by August.

The project could be bid out for construction after Aug. 1 or may have to wait until after Oct. 1, which is the start of the next fiscal year for the federal government and the State of Michigan.

Firms that seek to be awarded the construction project will be subject to federal bidding guidelines.

Robson said that local construction firms and businesses may be able to supply services and supplies for the construction of the new facilities. The barracks and headquarters will also be equipped with \$5 to \$7 million in furnishings.

"By the time it gets down to the subcontractors, that's when you'll start to see local vendors getting in on this," Robson said.

Funding for construction of the project will depend on deal bro-

kering by Michigan's Congressional delegation.

Rep. John Murtha, D-Pa., chairman of the House of Representatives Defense Appropriations subcommittee, has pledged to give President George Bush the war funding he has requested as long as there is a firm plan for U.S. troops to leave Iraq. Murtha has pledged to release supplemental appropriations funding for other military initiatives focused on addressing projects that call for better training and equipping troops before deployment.

Funds for the Camp Grayling project would come through the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations Subcommittee.

Camp Grayling and state military officials will continue to plan for the project while they await the outcome of the funding.

"We don't know whether anything is going to change or not, so we're just in a big holding pattern," said Maj. Dawn Dancer, spokesperson for the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

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Photo by Dan Sanderson

A \$33.6 million project to build new barracks at Camp Grayling will boost the capability of the military post to train soldiers and provide a much needed shot in the arm for the local economy. Above, demolition of existing buildings at Camp Grayling has already taken place to prepare for the new facilities.

## Building improvements added to deal with city

by Dan Sanderson  
Staff Writer

Grayling City officials gave a downtown property owner just

over three months to make improvements to his building while he is addressing other ordinance issues.

The Grayling City Council, at its regular monthly meeting last week, amended its agreement with Roger Moshier, owner of the Moshier Auto Repair property located at 104 Ogemaw St., to include making repairs to his building. Moshier is a member of the city council.

Last month, the council gave Moshier until June 30 to have all unlicensed vehicles and junk removed from the property so that he is in compliance with the city's nuisance ordinance, which was recently updated.

The council deferred its decision on the future of his auto garage building until after a building inspection was completed.

Joe Duran, the director of Crawford County's building and zoning department, handled the inspection. Following Duran's recommendation, the city council is mandating that Moshier make repairs to the roof, upgrade electrical circuits and replace windows in the building to bring it up to code. He must also tear down the building facing Norway Street and tear down or make improvements to its fence.

Moshier was given until June 30 to make the building and property improvements.

Moshier agreed with the deadline set by city officials.

"My feeling is, I'm part of the community, so I'll clean it up and see if that helps business," Moshier said.

Moshier said he intends to put the property up for sale.

"Maybe someone can take the building and make some improvements to it or build something else there," he said.

In February, Moshier was

given until June 30 to have his property cleaned up. He appealed to the council to have the deadline extended since he works as a bus mechanic for the Crawford AuSable School District, serves as a bus driver and also runs the auto repair business.

Grayling City Manager David Thayer said he fully expects Moshier will comply with the agreement. He added that the city has offered to have environmental studies done on the property with funds received from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, to assist Moshier with the sale of the property.

"When the snow is gone, he will get a better handle on things and we'll go from there," Thayer said.

A handful of area residents attended the city council meeting and commended city officials for addressing blight issues in the community. They applauded the city for taking the area behind Shoppenagon's and turning it into a parking lot. The city is leasing the parking area from Bill Gannon, the owner of Gannon Broadcasting, and several other downtown businesses, who purchased the Shoppenagon's property last year.

"Now, it's not an eyesore and it's an attraction," Thayer said.

46th Circuit Court Judge Janet M. Allen recommended city officials update its nuisance ordinance regarding junk following a recent hearing in Crawford County Circuit Court.

City officials are currently updating the entire ordinance book for the city to bring all regulations up to date.

Thayer said that city officials have compiled a list of nuisance properties in the community and are tackling them one-by-one.

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# Seniors pampered at Woman's Day of Delight



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The Crawford County Commission on Aging celebrated International Women's Day by holding a Women's Day of Delight at the Grayling Senior Center on Thursday. Kourtney Cingano, the occupational therapist and rehabilitation director from Mercy Hospital Grayling, and Dr. Mary Seger, a nurse practitioner who practices integrative medicine at Otsego Memorial Hospital, were the featured speakers for the program. Several area businesses were on hand in the senior center's recreation room, displaying their products and services. Denyce Krolczyk won a free beauty makeover at the Women's Day of Delight. Above left, senior Joyce Cousins was all smiles after receiving a massage from Kate Carlson from Hardbodyz Sports Club. Above right, Sandy Weaver receives a hand massage from Cappy Westervelt, a volunteer for Arbonne International, a company that offers herbal and botanical antiaging products, cosmetics, skin care items as well as nutrition and weight management products. Right, Connie Minnick prepares some treats at a chocolate fountain available during the program.



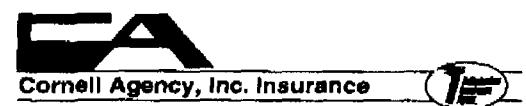
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## Nintendo Wii bowling strikes a chord with seniors

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Last week, the students introduced Wii bowling to the seniors using a large-screen television in the senior center's activity room.

The students played side-by-side with the seniors as they showed them how the game and controllers operated.

Barbara McCray was so impressed with the game, she and her husband Dean tried to get one of the highly sought after video game systems for their home.

"It was wonderful," McCray said. "We had such a great time, we went out and tried to buy one but we couldn't find one."

After watching the students and other seniors play, Barbara and Dean participated in a bowling match against each other. Barbara bested Dean in the friendly competition.

"I'm not going to let him live that down, now," Barbara said.

Dean McCray, who is on the COA board, said he was pleased that the youngsters brought in a new activity to stimulate the seniors' minds and muscles.

"An active mind is good for a person," Dean McCray said. "I'm 78-years-old, but I'm still a kid."

The seniors applauded one another and the students as they bowled strikes and spares on the game. The students shouted "sweet" and "awesome" and exchanged high-fives with their new counterparts when they did well on the game.

"It was cool to see how well they liked it," said Judy Wright, age 12 and a Grayling Middle School sixth grader.

Dana Molands, age 12, also a Grayling Middle School sixth grader, said he was pleased to introduce a new game to the seniors.

"As soon as they learned, it was like they were playing all of their life," Molands said.

Seniors Ila and Wayne Cosgray said they appreciated having a new activity to take part in at the senior center.

"It's kind of fun once you catch onto it," said Ila, who takes part in the senior bowling league at the American Legion Lounge and Lanes.

The students plan to bring



Photo by Dan Sanderson

The students plan to bring Nintendo Wii bowling to the senior center on the second Tuesday of each month. Above, senior Wayne Cosgray takes a shot at the virtual bowling pins as Grayling Middle School sixth grader Judy Wright, age 12, monitors his progress on the game.

Nintendo Wii bowling to the senior center on the second Tuesday of each month.

Beaver Creek Township senior Gary Psenicka said he believes the interest in the video game will spread like wildfire once seniors witness the game and comradery with youngsters.

"I think if more people were to come and get involved, I think it would explode into something good," Psenicka said.

Alice Snyder, the director for the COA, said one of the goals of the COA is to promote inter-generational interaction and understanding. COA and MSU Extension officials threw around a number of ideas for potential programs before senior center officials discovered that the Teen Connections program had the Wii system.

Radtke said the video game system fit the bill for the COA to help teens and people serving seniors in meeting their mission.

"It was good to see the interaction between the kids and seniors," Radtke said. "It helped both groups get out of their shells."

The Teen Connections program matches high school students with middle school students in a mentoring partnership. The mentors

and mentees meet once a week, four hours a month, allowing high school students to develop leadership and life skills and providing role models for younger students.

Brie Blaauw, the peer mentor program coordinator for the Crawford County MSU Extension, said she was pleased with the seniors' response to the Wii bowling and to see the students' capabilities shine at the senior center.

"It's a great way to cross the barriers of generations and bring them together in a similar interest," Blaauw said.

Nancy Persing, a 4-H program associate for the Crawford County MSU Extension, said the Nintendo Wii system was purchased with funds from 4-H Clubs, that are no longer active, and private donations.

Students wanting to take part in 4-H and mentoring had a large interest in video games, so the Wii was chosen to keep them active at the same time.

Persing was tickled to be able to share the experience of video games with the seniors.

"For the first time at this type of thing, it went really well," Persing said. "Our mentees really connected with the seniors."

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# OPINIONS

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## ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

# Ralph Nader ready to be president again

IN THIS ELECTION year, most folks are familiar with the major candidates, but others, too, are offering their services to the public. Here's a look at three of them.

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THE PRESIDENTIAL picture is almost complete now that Ralph Nader has announced he is ready to serve as president ... again.

Not that he's made it to the White House yet, except perhaps as an invited guest, but he's no stranger to the ballot.

In 1996 and 2000, he was the Green Party standard bearer. In 2004, he was an independent candidate.

Some Democrats accuse Mr. Nader of handing the 2000 election to George W. Bush. Mr. Nader won 2.7 percent of the national vote, including about 97,000 in Florida, where Mr.

Bush eventually was declared the winner over Democrat Al Gore.

Absent the Nader candidacy, goes the argument, Al Gore would have won Florida and the presidency, and President Bush never would have made it to the White House ... except perhaps as an invited guest.

But history is history, and that's not the way it worked out, and Ralph Nader is back as a third party candidate again.

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IN REVEALING his intentions on a recent Meet the Press show, Mr. Nader said he wants to "elaborate the issues that (Democratic and Republican campaigns) are not talking about," citing the Middle East, Enron, Katrina and "bungling by both parties."

As to costing Democrats votes in November, he said, "If the Democrats can't landslide the

Republicans this year, they ought to just wrap up, close down, emerge in a different form."

Ralph Nader remains an interesting personality, although something of a dated commodity by this time. He's not likely to make any sort of dent in the 2008 presidential results, but his candidacy does serve one purpose that might come in handy for voters in the fall, the way it did for 97,000 Floridians eight years ago.

A vote for Ralph Nader can be a legitimate way to express a voter choice for "none of the above."

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JACK IS BACK — Another interesting candidate appeared on the Michigan horizon the other day when Jack Kevorkian took out petitions to run for Congress in Oakland County.

Dr. Kevorkian earned the unof-

ficial title as Dr. Death in the 1990s when he claims to have helped at least 130 people to end their own lives. Assisted suicide it was called. In 1998 he finally was charged and found guilty in a specific death, and was released from prison last year.

To run on the November ballot, Dr. Kevorkian needs only 3,000 signatures, and intends to file as an independent candidate. He was quoted in the Oakland Press claiming "we need some honesty and sincerity instead of corrupt government in Washington."

Although he has no genuine chance to win, Dr. Kevorkian could be a factor in one of the key congressional races in the country this year, although I haven't figured out how.

Veteran incumbent Republican Joe Knollenberg squeaked to a win two years ago against an underfinanced and little known

Democratic challenger.

That made it close enough for national Democrats to target the seat this time, meaning plenty of help and plenty of money for their selected candidate, former state senator and ex-state lottery czar Gary Peters.

Both major candidates appear well qualified, and no solid negatives have been hinted so far. The results might well follow the national partisan trend.

Dr. Kevorkian likely will produce some interesting grist for the publicity mill in this campaign, but his candidacy probably will not affect the outcome. From this view, I have no idea which major candidate he might help or hurt.

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ANOTHER JACK — One major Michigan job open in November is the US senate seat held since 1978 by Democrat

Carl Levin. Probable Republican candidate is State Rep. Jack Hoogendyk of Kalamazoo, who is term limited in the state house.

Mr. Hoogendyk is expected to argue against Sen. Levin's record on defense, spending and immigration issues.

Mr. Hoogendyk received a relatively clear Republican field for the rather dismal task of challenging Sen. Levin when Andrew Raczkowski, the Republican candidate six years ago, bowed out this time because he is a major in the US Army Reserves and expects to be sent overseas this year.

This is one November race that probably won't even be close.

# # #  
Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

# EDITOR

## Women's day a fun and educational time

To the editor:

Crawford County Commission on Aging's "Women's Day of Delight" was a first for Grayling. What a fun and educational time we all had.

The staff did an excellent job of organizing this event, with a plus going to Activity Director Andrea Radtke.

There must have been at least 15 local businesses who were there offering demonstrations, refreshments and giveaways and those who also donated gifts for door prizes to be raffled.

One raffle was a makeover for one lucky lady, compliments of Rhea Rasdale, Independent Consultant with Arbonne International.

We had two featured speakers, the first being Kourtney Cingano, occupational therapist

and rehabilitation director at Mercy Rehab of Grayling. She was speaking on senior fitness.

The second keynote speaker was Mary Seger, NP, PhD. She is a nurse practitioner PhD with an Integrative Medicine practice at Otsego Memorial Hospital. She is also the author of the book "Invite Joy Into Your Life." She spoke on the five E's to good health.

The cooks did an outstanding job on the lunch. There must have been at least 150 or more ladies who attended this event.

I hope this will not be the last event of this caliber for Grayling.

How about our guys? I am sure a day like this would be greatly appreciated by them.

Rose Mary Nelson  
Grayling

## Let's keep it quiet

To the editor:

I hear of all the people who are in favor of the proposed theme park.

I'm writing to let people know that there are a lot of people who are not in favor of it.

For those who don't live in the Four Mile Rd./I-75 area, the noise will travel. On a clear day

or evening, we hear traffic from I-75.

I hear there is a race track to be included. That roar will surely be heard. This is a quiet, residential area and we would like to keep it that way.

Patricia Tighe  
Beaver Creek Township

## One last word - COA move

To the editor:

I intend for this to be the last that I have to say on moving the Commission on Aging's dining hall.

I know for a fact that the COA can continue to lease the present arrangement with the Grayling Housing Authority (GHA) very cheaply for a good number of years. But, the board will not. They are adamant that they need more room for cooking, dining and necessary on site offices. What they need is room for the (much appreciated) expanded activities. Move the activities part and that would be much cheaper. Leave the meals where the seniors live. Buying parking space is simple and also cheap.

But, if they must move, and I strongly emphasize if and must, I see no place that nearly equals that of the Eagles Club. Vivian Powers is right about that. The nearness to the seniors is obvious

and very important.

The building's good size, appearance and ample parking is apparent. There is room for the expansions, adaptations and renovations necessary for a finished product that will certainly be no more costly than any other property being considered. A lot less, I suspect, and certainly cheaper and quicker than buying property and building on it - Lord knows where.

The Eagles have done much for this community and these good people are offering their premises at a reasonable price. Unless there is something terribly flawed in its structure, which is pretty easy to ascertain, this is a simple solution and an easy transition to make.

So why do I feel so uneasy about the outcome?

Philip Faustman  
Grayling

## Don't worry

To the editor:

I had a call from a lady on March 13, 2008, at 8:30 p.m. She said she was one of the homeowners referred to in my letter to the editor. She wouldn't let me talk, as I tried to explain that my source of information came from Chairman of the

COA Board, Jack Mahank.

That conversation with Jack took place on March 6, 2008, as I was going to my car. We know we have to move, even if Jack doesn't. Don't worry ma'am, your property is safe.

Vivian Powers  
Grayling

## Get rid of ugly eyesores

To the editor:

Even Detroit, with all of its financial problems, manages each year to tear down a large number of their worst abandoned, crumbling old buildings. Yet, there on Norway Street in Grayling, directly across the street from The Ice House Quilt Shop, has sat a ruined, vacant building for at least 30 years.

Why can't Grayling, a city that has spent well over two million dollars in the last few years improving and beautifying Michigan Avenue and the I-75 Business Loop, find a few dollars to tear down and get rid of this ugly eyesore?

Norway Street is important. The only scheduled stop that tour buses make in Grayling is on Norway Street at Goodale's bakery. The Ice House and the museum are also on Norway

Street.

Tourists and travelers visiting these attractions are forced to pass by this terrible, war torn old ruin, year after year.

The city council is to be commended for recently updating its nuisance ordinance to address the junk and inoperable vehicles.

And then there is the Shoppenagon's Hotel, vacant now for at least four years, and is beginning to show signs of falling apart due to time and neglect. I can't help wondering what it will look like in 20 years. It may go the same way as that war torn ruin on Norway Street, destined to die, but in time, becoming just another old crumbling eyesore for tourists, travelers and the rest of us to look at year after year.

Harry Wojcik  
Grayling

### In observance of Good Friday,

**March 21st, the Crawford County  
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### Online Poll Results

Last week's online poll question and results:

**Should the Michigan Democratic Party conduct (and pay for) a do-over primary election?**

**Yes**  
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**No**  
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This week's online poll question: **How far will Michigan State, a #5 seed, go in the NCAA men's basketball tournament?**

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### What Do You Think?

The Crawford County Avalanche welcomes its readers to comment on news, features, and opinion articles - including letters to the editor and Richard Milliman's weekly Almanack column - on our Internet site at [www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com](http://www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com).

To express an opinion on a news, feature, or op-ed article, click on a story and scroll down to the "What do you think?" header (it's highlighted with a red color bar). Fill in your name and type your comments in the area provided, and click the "Post Comment" icon when finished. Existing comments are listed between the "What do you think?" header and the area to post new comments. Readers are also welcome to respond to comments posted by other readers.

All comments are subject to approval by Crawford County Avalanche management prior to publication on our Internet site. Comments are limited to 200 words.

Excerpts from recent comments posted on our Internet site:

**Dave wrote on March 13 (regarding traffic downtown):** "The parking situation for what few businesses are left downtown is terrible. Pulling out of a parking place on Michigan Avenue is impossible, and the streetscapes did nothing to improve the downtown, with the lights that give off no light and the sidewalks that are covered with snow six months of the year. Please, someone use a brain and fix this problem before someone gets killed. There have already been numerous fender benders down there and it's impossible to see if traffic is coming if you are trying to back out of a space. Didn't anyone in this city do a traffic flow study about this?"

<http://www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com>



# BRIEFS

## 4-H to offer a Celebrating Diversity Club

Registration is open for a Celebrating Diversity Club for children in the 2nd, 3rd and 4th grades. The club will focus on educating children about world culture through arts and crafts, authentic food, customs, language and music. The club will meet Mondays, starting April 14, and will run for six weeks. The cost is \$20. To register your child, or for more information, contact the MSU Extension office at 344-3264.

## Hartwick Pines to hold fly-tying workshop

Hartwick Pines State Park will hold a fly-tying workshop on Saturday, April 5, at the Visitor Center. Learn how to tie basic trout flies in a workshop that will be held from 12:30 p.m. - 4 p.m. It will be led by Maureen Jacobs, interpreter at the Michigan Fisheries Visitor Center at the Oden State Fish Hatchery near Petoskey. The fee is \$50 to participate and the workshop is limited to eight participants. To have a registration form sent to you, e-mail Rob Burg at [burg@michigan.gov](mailto:burg@michigan.gov). The deadline for registration is March 31.

## Host families needed for exchange student

The Rotary Club Youth Exchange Program is looking for host families for Dennis Lund, a 17 year old from Sweden. He will be arriving in August. He will be attending Grayling High School for the 2008-09 school year. The Rotary Club Youth Exchange Program seeks to broaden an exchange student's experience during their stay in this country. For more information, contact Rick Grisham at 348-6964 or Norm Schmoock at 348-5132.

## GHS baseball to hold Wing Ding Dinner

The Grayling High School Baseball program is holding their 5th Annual Wing Ding Dinner on Tuesday, March 25, from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m., at the Gray Rock Cafe. Tickets may be purchased for \$6 per person, and are available from baseball players, coaches, at AuSable Eye Care, or at the door. All proceeds go to the Grayling High School Baseball program.

## Community calendar available online

The Crawford County Avalanche has a community calendar on their new web site. To view area happenings, or to be considered for publication of your event, go to [crawfordcountyavalanche.com](http://crawfordcountyavalanche.com), click on community and go to the community calendar.

# DHD offers free cancer screenings

District Health Department (DHD) #10 is recognizing March as National Colorectal Awareness month and is encouraging screening through a free screening program. This project is a collaboration between DHD #10, the Michigan Department of Community Health and local hospitals and physicians.

More than 153,000 men and women will be diagnosed with colorectal cancer in the United States this year. Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in Michigan. Colorectal cancer develops from polyps that are found on the lining of the colon or rectum. Polyps are non-cancerous growths that can become cancerous if not detected early and removed. There are often no symptoms in the early stages of cancer.

As the cancer progresses, symptoms may develop such as a change in bowel movement patterns, visible blood or abdominal discomfort. Unfortunately, most people wait until long after they experience these symptoms before seeking medical treatment. Colorectal cancer can be prevented if polyps are found early and

are removed before becoming cancerous.

Current guidelines recommend that all people over the age of 50 be screened. Individuals with a family history should begin at an earlier age. Colorectal cancer is preventable and treatable if detected early.

Free colorectal cancer screening is being offered to residents of Crawford, Kalkaska, Lake, Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Missaukee, Newaygo, Oceana and Wexford Counties with either no insurance or coverage which does not cover colorectal cancer screening. Screening consists of a personal risk assessment followed by a home stool testing kit. If individuals are determined to be at high risk, or have a positive test, they will be referred on for a free colonoscopy through local hospitals.

This grant provides a limited number of screenings. Enrollment can be done by phone. Individuals interested in this screening program should contact their local DHD #10 office. For Crawford County call 348-7800 ext. 7589, or for Kalkaska County call 258-8669 ext. 8634.

## Chamber looking for Men who Cook

The Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce is in the midst of planning for their 8th Annual Men Who Cook event. It will be held at the Camp Grayling Officer's Club on Saturday, May 17, from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

"We would like to extend an open invitation, to all those seriously good men who cook in Crawford County, to come and participate as a chef in this ever-popular event," said Kim Millikin, chamber interim executive director. "We ask that you consider preparing an appetizer, vegetable or side dish, main dish or a dessert for about 125 people to have a nice sample of. If you

have a reputation of making "the best ...", then that's what you should consider preparing."

Tickets for the event will be \$20 per person, go on sale mid-April, and must be reserved in advance to gain entrance onto the Camp Grayling base. For information on this event, contact the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce at 989-348-2921, located at 213 N. James St., Grayling, in the Grayling City Park, or via e-mail at [chamber@graylingchamber.com](mailto:chamber@graylingchamber.com). Visit our Web site at [www.graylingchamber.com](http://www.graylingchamber.com) for upcoming community events as well as information about Men Who Cook.

# Grayling Little League to host registration night

Grayling Little League (GLL) will be hosting a registration night on Tuesday, March 25, from 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. at the Grayling Ramada Inn, for all children interested in playing T-ball, baseball or softball.

Players ages 5-7, by April 30, can play T-ball. Players ages 7-14 can play baseball and girls ages 7-14, by January 1, can play softball.

On-going registration is taking place at Sylvester's in Grayling, but registration night gives parents the opportunity to register their children while league officials are present and questions or concerns can be addressed.

Late registration fees will be assessed for all players not registered by April 1.

GLL will also be accepting volunteer applications from those parents or community members who are interested in being involved in the league. Volunteer positions currently available include VP of Baseball Umpires, VP of League Safety and a VP of Softball Fields and Grounds. There are coaching positions available as well. Volunteers who are interested in being a part of GLL must submit to and pass an extensive background check.

The GLL Board has been

meeting throughout the winter in preparation for the 2008 season. "Our league has built a great reputation in Northern Michigan for hosting tournaments and we are honored to again be hosting several all star tournament games this year on behalf of District 8," said league president Rich Schreiber. GLL will also be hosting their annual Father's Day Invitational Tournament, in June, for major league teams at Millikin field.

Pre-Season Clean-Up Days are scheduled for Millikin/McNamara (North Down River) Fields on Saturday, April 19, and Saturday, April 26, at the McLissac (softball) Field. Parents, players and community members are invited and encouraged to lend a hand in getting the fields ready for the season. During these clean-up days, work will include everything from raking and mowing to painting and cleaning. There are many ways that people can help and many hands make light work.

Coaches and board members will be meeting April 20 for draft day, and practices will begin the following week. The official Little League season is scheduled to get underway on May 5.

## Weight restrictions in effect

Effective March 17, at 8 a.m., weight restrictions for commercial truck traffic will be imposed and enforced on state roadways that extend from the southern Michigan border north to, and including, the Mackinac Bridge.

There are no restrictions for legal axle weight loads on roads designated as "all-season trunk-lines." On routes designated as "seasonal," there will be a posted reduction of 25 percent for rigid pavements and 35 percent for flexible pavements.

All extended permits will be valid for oversized loads in the weight-restricted area on the restricted routes. Single-trip per-

mits will not be issued for any overweight loads or loads exceeding 14 feet in width on the restricted routes.

For weight restriction information and updates, call 800-787-8960, or you can access this information from MDOT's Internet home page at [www.michigan.gov/mdot](http://www.michigan.gov/mdot): under "Favorite Links," click on "Truckers Services." All-season routes are designated in green and gold on the MDOT Truck Operators Map, which is available online at [www.michigan.gov/mdot/0,1607,7-151-9622\\_11033\\_32060-98220--00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/mdot/0,1607,7-151-9622_11033_32060-98220--00.html).

## Hospice volunteer training offered

Do you have special talents that you would like to share? Can you sew, knit, type, file or do you like to write letters? Do you like to read to people, drive a car, and do you have computer skills? Would you be interested in special training to become a bereavement/grief volunteer working with families after they have lost a loved one?

Mercy Hospice is looking for individuals to assist us at our growing hospice program. Volunteering for hospice is about helping. Mercy Hospice volun-

teer training will be held on April 1 and 3, from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., at the Mercy Hospice Office, 324 Meadows Drive (located off I-75 Business Loop, behind Pizza Hut), Grayling.

Mercy Hospice covers services for Crawford, Roscommon and parts of Ogemaw, Otsego, Oscoda and Kalkaska counties.

If you are interested, or to sign up for training, call Sherry Haag, volunteer coordinator, at 800-424-1457 or 989-344-4409.

## KCC continues Global Awareness series

Kirtland Community College will continue its 2007-08 Global Awareness series with a viewing of the Oscar-nominated documentary, "No End In Sight," at noon on Wednesday, March 26, at the college's main campus near Roscommon.

The one-hour presentation, in Room 135 of the Administration Building, will begin with a viewing of the documentary which attempts to chronicle the reasons behind Iraq's reported descent into "civil war" and what allegedly went wrong after the invasion to overthrow Saddam Hussein. That will be followed by a discussion about the ongoing conflict in Iraq.

For more information on the March 26 presentation, or the Global Awareness series, contact Sinan Toprak via e-mail at [topraks@kirtland.edu](mailto:topraks@kirtland.edu) or by calling 989-275-5000, extension 265.

For more information on this or other events at Kirtland, visit online at [www.kirtland.edu](http://www.kirtland.edu).

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# The Bible Speaks

## Christ's Resurrection Victory

Romans 7:1-6 reminds us that Jesus Christ took our place by dying on the cross for our sins and arising from the grave to give us eternal life as His bride, to be members of His body and glorify Him for all eternity. "Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God." (Romans 7:4).

Romans 7:7-12 reminded us that we cannot blame God's Holy Law for our failure, for our sinfulness, for our condemnation and death under law. "What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet." (Rom. 7:7). After proving sin was the real enemy by using God's holy law to deceive and destroy us we see the conclusion in Romans 7:12: "Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good."

Romans 7:13 raises the next question about God's law. "Was then that which is good made death unto me? God forbid. But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful." God's Holy Law cannot be blamed for giving us either life or death neither can it be blamed for giving us either holiness or sinfulness.

Law became the mirror revealing to us the presence, power, and perversion of sin. "...But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good..." Law gave us the information, facts, data and understanding about sin. Law made us acquainted with, or familiar and aware of sin.

"...Sin, that it might appear sin..." God's holy law brings sin into view or into sight. Law makes sin materialize or emerge. Law causes sin to come out and show itself.

"...Working death in me by that which is good..." Reveals the evil power of sin to destroy us while attempting to blame God and His Holy Law for our destruction. We repeat the first part of verse 13: "Was then that which is good made death unto me? God forbid."

"...That sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful." God and His Holy Law reveal the exceeding sinfulness of sin. God's holiness gives sharp contrast to sin's wickedness. God's justice gives vivid contrast to sin's injustice. God's goodness gives share contrast to sin's badness or evil. As we better understand Romans 7 we are more likely to agree with the author in Romans 7:24,25: "O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord..." As Paul said in Galatians 2:20: "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." We as lost sinners are saved only by faith in His shed blood, we have eternal life through His resurrection life, and we are united or married to Him for eternity. We are totally unworthy of God's love, mercy, and grace. May we glorify Him for these wonderful blessings. Pastor "B"

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## SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

Join us for a meal either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays, except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Please try to call for reservations at (989) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500, so that we know how many to plan for.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:  
Friday, March 21 - Closed Good Friday.

Monday, March 24 - Lunch - hamburger on a bun, O'Brien potatoes, mixed vegetables and applesauce. Dinner - chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, fried cabbage with bacon and peaches. 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Back on Duty, 1 p.m. Bridge, 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. SPLASH at Mercy Rehab.

Tuesday, March 25 - Lunch - lasagna, Brussels sprouts, winter blend vegetables, breadstick, oranges and grapefruit. Dinner - baked potato with chili, broccoli with cheese sauce and mixed fruit. 10 a.m. Tone and Tubes and Bible Study, 12:45 p.m. Euchre, 1 p.m. Sit and Be Fit, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks, 5:30 p.m. game night.

Wednesday, March 26 - Lunch - creamy chicken and noodles, carrots, Brussels sprouts and pears. Dinner - pork chop, sweet potatoes, peas, applesauce and lemon pudding pie. 10 a.m. line dancing and tenant council meeting, 1 p.m. Kings and Queens, 2 p.m. pool league, 5:30 p.m. Medicine Shoppe Bingo.

Thursday, March 27 - Lunch - pork riblet on a bun, baked beans, cauliflower and pineapple. Easter Dinner - baked ham with apple glaze, baked potato, Brussels sprouts, pineapple and cupcakes. 10 a.m. craft class, 12 p.m. Kiwanis meeting, 1 p.m. COA board meeting, 2 p.m. UNO Attack, 5 p.m. Easter Dinner, 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. SPLASH at Mercy Rehab.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

## OBITUARIES

### JCE King

Jan. 10, 1936 - March 16, 2008  
JC Elmer King, 72, of Grayling, passed away on March 16, 2008.

He was born in Porterfield Township, on January 10, 1936, to the late Elmer E. and Beulah M. (Towner) King.

He served in the U.S. Marines for 12 years, and in the U.S. Air Force for eight years.

He retired from the Air Force. He taught Aviation Mechanics at Kirtland Community College. He married Kay Ellen (Pettengill) King on August 29, 1986.

He enjoyed golfing, bowling and reading.

He was a member of the American Legion Post #106, a previous member of the VFW and the Grayling Eagles.

He is survived by his wife, Kay Ellen; sons: Clyde (Karen) King of Colo., Steve King of Colo., Winnie Castle of Fennville, John (Dawn) Junttila of Grayling; grandchildren: Sarah King of Colo., Joshua, Jacob, Seth, Sarah and Anna Lepsy, Amy and George Castle, Madison, Justice and Sabrina Junttila; four great-grandchildren; and brother, Tom (Judy) King of Houghton Lake.

He was preceded in death by sisters, Barbara and Bernadine.

A private family service will be held in Spring of 2008.

Condolences may be sent to [www.sorensonlockwood.com](http://www.sorensonlockwood.com). Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

### Martin R. Kitchen

April 13, 1931 - March 16, 2008  
Martin Ray (Marty) Kitchen, 76, of Grayling, passed away on March 16, 2008.

He was born in Lansing, on April 13, 1931, to the late Kirtland K. and Rachel (Filkens) Kitchen.

He graduated in 1949, from Grayling High School. He served in the US Navy.

He was previously employed as a police officer and fire fighter for the City of Grayling.

He enjoyed fishing, canoeing and reading.

He was a member of American Legion Post #106 and also a member of the 40 + 8.

He is survived by son, Kirtland Kitchen of Grayling; daughter: Julie Todter of Australia; grandchildren: Jessie, Jeremy and Amy; brother, Jim (Edna) Kitchen of Frederic; lifelong friend and former wife, Jeanette Kitchen. He also embraced Jeanette's family which included: Mark (Cheryl) Nelson of Birch Run, Michael (Alice) Nelson of Texas, Ricky (Mike) Kelly, Greg Nelson and Rebecca (Jeff) Bond, all of Grayling; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, March 19, at 11 a.m., with Military Honors accorded by American Legion Post #106.

Condolences may be sent to [www.sorensonlockwood.com](http://www.sorensonlockwood.com). Arrangements made by Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

## In Memory of

In memory of Ray Ingalls March 1, 1964 - March 20, 2007. A loved one lives forever in the hearts of those who cared. A loved one lives forever in the memories that were shared.

We miss you Ray.  
Love Joy, Joe and family

## In Memory of

Ray Ingalls, March 1, 1964 - March 20, 2007.

God knew that you were hurting, to get better was not to be, so he put his arms around you and said come with me. We miss your smiling face, but know you are in a better place. We miss the fun and joy you brought to all of us. Till we meet again.

Sadly missed by Dad, Mom, Dawn, your sisters, all of your kids, the rest of the family and all of your friends

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 58 complaints the week of March 10 - March 16:

One EMS response, one suicide, 13 general non-criminal complaints, two false alarm activations, one criminal sexual conduct/sexual assault, five assault/intimidation/stalkings, two public peace/disorderlies, two OUILs/UBALs, five health and safeties, two miscellaneous criminal offenses, nine traffic accidents, two accidents-non-traffic, one accident-all other, five inspections/investigations-family, one lost and found property, three suspicious situations and three driving violations/driving while license suspended.

Sheriff Wakefield asks: "Do you know where your children are? Please remember, our children are our future."

For more information, log on to [www.crawfordsheriff.org](http://www.crawfordsheriff.org).

## GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl A. Schreiner reports his department handled the following complaints during the period of March 9 - 16:

Four traffic warnings, one private property accident, one felony arrest, one misdemeanor arrest, two larceny complaints, four alarm responses, one civil complaint, one suspicious situation, two harassment complaints, one assist other department, three disturbance complaints, one assault complaint and nine unclassified complaints.

**In Memory**  
March 20, 2007  
Robert Wakeley

One year ago, our Father brought you home. There is not a day that goes by, when you are not in our thoughts, our prayers and in our hearts. We miss you and know you are rewarded in Heaven.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."  
Matt 5:8

Love Marge, daughters & sons, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, family & friends

# A Blessed Easter Worship

For this joyous Resurrection Season,  
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Samantha Bidwell, Cassandra Carter, Erin Dubriwny, Richelle Grosskopf, Ann Hamlin, Ashley Jensen, Melissa Kocefas, Jordan Stephan, Sara Trudgeon and Joseph VanNuck.

##### "B" Honor Roll

Joshua Aimesbury, Fisher Ankney, Jensen Aubry, Cassandra Bennett, Kyle Carter, Peggy Currison, Alexis Dandy, Jon Deffendall, David Elliott, Rosemary Graham, Alesha Hamblin, Kaylene Harris, Iva Haven, Roger Heggie, Jacob Helsel, Trevor Hendrickson, James Jimenez, Elizabeth Kengel, Zachary Larson, Ethan Lewis, Nicholas McDonald, Hali Miller, Ashley Moery, Carlie Money, Kaitlyn Money, Rebecca Money, Kaleb Morgan, Cody Myers, Jessica Myers, Alexis Peck, Darin Peters, Olivia Peters, Kristy Petrosky, Spencer Rasmusson, Rachel Rochette, Eric Rutter, Luke Schneider, Teresa

Schreiber, Amber Swanson, Kenneth Tanner, Abbey Thomas, Kristen Todoroff, Kirstie Wakeley, Joseph White and Allyssa Wilson.

#### 10th Grade

##### All "A" Honor Roll

Ashley Feldhauser, Savannah Foguth, Colin Hamlin, John Lennon, Gregory Toprak and Tiffany Valentin.

##### "B" Honor Roll

Kyle Ahnert, Alexandria Barber, Alyssa Barnett, Natosha Beaman, Kayla Bendig, Joni Bindschatel, Mary Bolick, Braden Coe, Taylor Desenfants, Ian Donaldson, Taylor Doremire, Carl Gaff, Mackenzie Harwood, Makenna Harwood, Suzanne Hause, Chelsea Herman, Aleisha Hoover, Cayla Johnson, Joshua Johnson, Trisha Jones, Shauna Kappers, Drue Kuhn, Morgan Lepsy, Adam Love, Kelsey Neuberger, Michael Olson, Rut Patel, Shivam Patel, William Peterson, Dwayne Ramsey, Marlo Russell, Joseph Somero,

Tiffany Stump, Travis Westover, Katie Whitney, Chynna Williamson, Wesley Willoughby, Rachel Wilson, Mackenzie Wonfor and Andrew Wyman.

#### 11th Grade

##### All "A" Honor Roll

Jacob Aubry, John Cochrane, Spencer Dean, Brianna Farrell, Ryan Foguth, April Korneli, Aerial Lynch, Alexandra Piehl, Emily Sloan, Hannah Smith, Leigha Stevens and Nicholas Trzcinski.

##### "B" Honor Roll

Ethan Abbe, Peter Alexander, Naomi Anglemeyer, Jessica Annis, George Bindschatel, Jessica Bindschatel, Laura Boylan, Cody Collen, Elizabeth Dandy, Heaven Daniel-Clifton, Rachel Darling, Joseph Emmons, Justin Farnsworth, Eric Ferrigan, Jennifer Fiebelkorn, William Fowler, Alexander Gabriel, Kelsey Gilbert, Mollie Golnick, Dillon Helsel, Rebecca Hohl, Andrew Hunter,

Damon Hunter, Donald Johnson, Joellisa Kolka, Dominique Lane, Trent Larm, Alyssa Lewis, Jonathon Lovely, Jacob Myers, Aaron Nemeth, James Osga, Chelsea Partello, Vicki Pegouskie, Tabbitha Pelkey, Angelica Ramsey, Wesley Rasmusson, Zachary Rasmusson, Bridget Riehle, Ashlee Robinson, Dustin Russo, Samantha Schreiber, Krista Schultz, Tyler Steffey, Aaron Stephan, Ross Teeple, Robert Thorpe, Hilary Warsko, Shawn Williams, Andrea Willobee, Weston Willoughby, Meghan Wyskiel and Michael Zill.

#### 12th Grade

##### All "A" Honor Roll

Cassandra Allison, Renee Clair, Andrew Currison, Rachel Doremire, Reid Holzbauer, Maximilian Kluge, Scott Myers, Ethan Neuberger and Christopher Wells.

##### "B" Honor Roll

Audrey Alimenti, Shentele Apps, Jessica Baker, Raymond

Bennett, Krystal Bromley, Lindsay Brooks, Gabrielle Calkins, Ryan Cooper, Bryce Dami, Kimberly Dougherty, Jason Drudge, Kara Edgerton, Megan Etzler, Krista Feeney, Katie Ferrigan, Jessica Fowler, Jan Fried, Stephanie Gaff, Jamie Hagerman, Tyler Harris, Railee Henderson, Tiffany Henderson, Larissa Hohl, Andria Howe, Hannah Hoyt, Andrew Hulbert, Mathew Latuszek, Ethan Lynch, Matthew McDonald, Richard McNamara, Katti Messerschmidt, Caitlin Moore, Elaina Murray, Tory Myers, Monica Peters, Nathan Pickell, Lucas Pippin, Richard Schreiber, Dustin Schutt, Storm Shriver, Amy Stapleton, Joshua Stapleton, Shayna Stewart, Kilah Vanderstelt, Isaac VanNuck, Timothy VanNuck, John Ventline, Rachel Ward, Jennifer Webb, Kristina Weiso, Jessica Witteman-Hoppe and Kathryn Zill.

## GRAYLING MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

### Second Trimester

#### 6th Grade

##### All "A" Honor Roll

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##### "B" Honor Roll

Mara Adamski, Gage Albright, Shelby Alimenti, Bailey Apps, Cody Baynam, Meghan Beard, Travis Bodkins, Jessica Bannam, Jacob Brown, Jordan Bulmer, Matthew Burrell, Alexandra Case, Casey Castillo, Chynna Clark, Justice Cochrane, Angel Copenhaver, Samuel Cousins, Makayla Cragg, Macy Crowder, Kilee DeHart, Taylor Demaray, Victoria Doster, Hope Ervin, Brooklynn Golnick, Tara Henderson, Brenna Johnston, Justice Junttila, Michaela Kahn, Travis Kirk, Brandon Latusek, Amy LeBlanc, Dominique Linderer, Jessica Lohr, Dillon

Miller, Jennifer Miller, Logan Miller, Rachael Miller, Tandy Mitchell, Dana Molands, Anthony Morse, Madison Nielson, Hir Patel, Jonathan Petrie, Caitlyn Phillips, Tara Pummell, Davy Ray, Journey Renaud, William Romain, Cierra Russell, Rayne Russell, Whitney Schans, Matthew Shelp, Grady Smith, Nicholas Smock, Devin Stephan, Jensen Stephan, Dylan Stowell, Tyler Summers, Jake Swander, Mitchell Thompson, Colbie Wakeley, Lucas Walesky, Kelsey Wejrowski, Zachary White, Avery Williams, Natalie Woodley, Kody Work and Judy Wright.

#### 7th Grade

##### All "A" Honor Roll

Wesley Dean, Olivia Dikin, Shanley Dorn, Stanna Dorn, Katrina Foguth, Sarah Goodyear, Jo Hamlin, Louis Menard, Tiffany Mitchell, Alyssa Morley, Scott Parkinson, Tyler Powers, Andrew Robbins and Angeline Rouston.

##### "B" Honor Roll

Emma Burke, Jillian Calvin, Austin Chad, Nicole Chad,

Jacob Cochrane, Danielle Dami, Carly Duncley, Trenton Flynn, Madilyn Gabriel, Hannah Haven, Jakob Hoover, Zachary Hunter, Rachel Jensen, Georgie Knight, Levi Korneli, Mason Krey, Diane Larson, Jeffrey LaVigne, Jacquelyn Lownsbery, Megan Luke, Zachary Mack, Hillary Moore, Elizabetha Mowrey, Brittany Naumiec, Danielle Nelson, Courtney Nickerson, Cortnee Nye, Lisa Orr, Sarah Pease, Tegan Pillaro, Cheyenne Potter, Jacquelyn Pratt, Caitlin Prosser, Emily Schans, Kyle Schmidt, David Somero, Shawn Thomas, Brittney Turner, Ronald Vradenburg, Austin Wilson and Johnathan Wolford.

#### 8th Grade

##### All "A" Honor Roll

Griffin Dean, Sierra Dyer, Hillary Fenton, Darcy Greer, Sarah Robinson, Nicholas Wells and Camren Wilson.

##### "B" Honor Roll

Kaitlin Adamski, Alexandra Baudoux, David Bergan, Charles Bertram, Thomas Burrell, Kelsey Dean, Elaine

Desenfants, Trevor DeWitt, Nicholas Dorn, Katie Fitzpatrick, Amber Franklin, Cassandra Gierke, Joshua Golnick, Cynthia Graham, Samantha Hansen, Chloe Harwood, Abigail Hatfield, Kristi Helsel, Ciara Johnson, Lindsey Johnson, Natasha Kappers, Ferdinand Korneli, Joseph Latusek, August Ledesma, Andrea Malm, Majerle Nielson, Mikaela Parish, Ryan Randall, Rebecca Rappley, Jared Robbins, Heather Ruddy, Apoorv Singh, Josie Swander, Tyler Theaker, Zane Tobin, Emily Wingard, Yer Xiong and Riley Zigila.

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Devereaux Memorial Library

The third annual Night Before the Opener Gala in Grayling, the Valhalla for trout fishers, will have a Scottish theme on Friday, April 25, beginning at 6 p.m., in the George Griffith and Mason Wright Memorial Collection corner of the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library. This event is sponsored by the Grayling Chapter of Trout Unlimited.

More than a hundred trout enthusiasts, from all parts of the state are expected to gather again this year to trade fish tales, taste Scottish food, hear comments from outdoor writer and Scotsman Eric Sharp, watch expert fly tying by local tyers, including Jerry Regan, a local river guide and expert on historical trout flies, and be entertained with Celtic music by guitarist Dan House.

The collection, one of the country's largest, features more than 600 items of literature and exhibits on trout fishing, fly tying and related subjects, including some rare first editions and a fly tied by President Jimmy Carter.

Sharp, born and raised in Scotland, is the veteran outdoor writer for the Detroit Free Press, author of Fishing Michigan and a world traveler. He will discuss angling and the preservation of ecosystems in Michigan and in Scotland, which is world-renown as the birthplace of salmon fishing.

Library Director Bambi Mansfield-Sanderson came up with the Scottish theme idea after she developed the "Sister Library" relationship with Shetland Island Library of Lerwick, one of the islands north of Scotland. The Shetland Island

Sisterhood program is sponsoring a whole month of activities at the Grayling library, the Opener Gala being the first.

Scottish food to be sampled includes the traditional haggis, Scotch eggs, Angus pasties, shortbread and more.

The library is still seeking additional books and materials on trout fishing and fly tying, as well as other support for the collection and its activities. Inquiries may be sent to Bambi Mansfield-Sanderson at CCLS-director@crawfordco.lib.mi.us, by writing to the library in Grayling, or by phone at 989-348-9214.

The Devereaux Library holdings catalogue may be viewed on the web at [www.crawfordco.lib.mi.us](http://www.crawfordco.lib.mi.us). Books approved for circulation can be forwarded to the local library of the person requesting them.

## AREA EVENTS

**Cadillac** - The Wolverine Morgan Horse Association (WMHA) will hold its Annual Open Horse Show in Cadillac on June 14 and 15. The open breed show includes Conformation, Showmanship, Hunt, Saddleseat, Western and Trail classes along with a few fun classes such as the Freedom Class and the Flower Pot Race.

For \$20 your entire household can join this prestigious horse association. Contact Rachel Brady, president, at 231-258-0973, at [trbmorgans@triton.net](mailto:trbmorgans@triton.net),

or at [www.wmhaclub.com](http://www.wmhaclub.com) for more information.

**Roscommon** - The congregation of Soul's Harbor Worship Center in Roscommon will present "Living Last Supper," on Good Friday, March 21, at 7 p.m. Thirteen men, dressed in period costumes and arrayed like DaVinci's art, will share their innermost feelings about Christ's prophecy of His betrayal. There is no charge for this drama, however, a free will offering will be accepted.

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# Maple Syrup Day to be held

Spend the day at Hartwick Pines State Park and learn about North America's oldest agricultural product, maple sugar. Maple Syrup Day will be held on March 22, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Visitors to the park will be able to walk into the sugarbush to help tap a maple tree, observe the boil-down process which converts maple sap to maple syrup, learn about the history of maple sugar making in North America, view videos titled "Maple Sugar Farmer," "Maple Sugaring" and "The Maple Sugaring Story," ask an expert

about how to start making maple syrup and tap trees in your own backyard, taste maple sap and the finished maple syrup, and purchase genuine maple sugar candy and syrup.

Children can participate in tapping a maple tree and will learn how to build their own mokuk. A mokuk is a birch bark container in which native peoples transported maple sugar. Making a paper mokuk replica provides a history lesson and discussion about how European settlers learned of the Native Americans' sugaring culture.

Tree tapping demonstrations will take place at 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 2:30

p.m., in the Sugar Bush, and some visitors will be able to help tap the maple trees.

Visitors will be able to taste maple syrup and sap, smell the aroma around an outside evaporator pan and welcome spring at this educational and fun event. Maple recipes will be available for those wishing to savor the sweetness of the day.

The Department of Natural Resources, the Department of History, Arts, and Libraries and the Friends of Hartwick Pines State Park, cosponsor this special event.

There is no fee for this event, but a motor vehicle permit is required for park entry.



Craig Kasmer, Hartwick Pines State Park interpreter, taps a maple tree for sap to convert to maple syrup.

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## \$40 million sought to promote Michigan tourism

by Andrew McGlashen  
Capital News Service

Most of us are tired of winter in Michigan, but Steve Yencich wants to see a lot more of it.

Yencich, president of the Michigan Lodging and Tourism Association, told the House Tourism, Outdoor Recreation and Natural Resources Committee that the state should add a record \$40 million to its tourism budget and, for the first time, promote winter recreation.

And he wasn't alone. "On two days' notice, 53 peo-

ple from the tourism industry showed up to show their support" before the committee, he said.

The legislation won unanimous approval in the committee and is awaiting a full House vote. Its primary sponsors are Reps: Kate Ebli, D-Monroe; Terry Brown, D-Pigeon; and Kenneth Horn, R-Frankenmuth.

Funding would come from refinancing tobacco settlement bonds.

The \$40 million would be used over two years for travel advertising. Another \$20 million would be spent to promote business development under the legislation.

Yencich said the money is sorely needed, and that he is "very pleased and very grateful" that the legislation is moving.

In the past, he said, "we've had our head handed to us on a budgetary platter" for not lobbying strongly enough.

"But I don't blame that on the legislators," he said. "I blame that on us, on the tourism industry."

State funding for travel promotion bottomed out at \$5.7 million in 2004, according to George Zimmermann, vice president of the Michigan Economic Development Corp.'s Travel Michigan division.

In 2006 and 2007, that figure

rose to \$13.2 million, due to a boost from the 21st Century Jobs Trust Fund, allowing the division to launch its Pure Michigan campaign, which won national awards for best state tourism advertising and best state television ads in 2007.

In addition to funding the new winter ad campaign, Zimmermann said the money would be used for national cable TV spots for Michigan's summer attractions. Past advertising has been only regional.

Those regional campaigns have proven that tourism advertising is a good investment, Zimmermann said. Between 2004 and 2006, they led to 2.6 million trips to Michigan, which he said put \$2.70 into the state treasury for every ad dollar.

And that economic boost, Zimmermann added, "is almost immediate. The majority of it happens in the same year."

Sally Laukitis, executive director of the Holland Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, said the ads are working on the Lake Michigan shore.

"We actually do get people saying 'We heard the most wonderful ads about Michigan and we just had to come,'" she said, adding that about 40 percent of the bureau's visitors mention the

Pure Michigan spots.

Brian Lawson, public relations manager for Crystal Mountain, a ski resort in Thompsonville, said he hopes that winter travel promotion would be as successful as the summer ads.

"In the past it's been under-promoted, and the state has a lot to offer in winter," he said. "From a Midwest skiing standpoint, Michigan is where it starts and stops."

Michigan's tourism industry employs roughly 200,000 people, Zimmermann said, and drawing more visitors would increase that figure.

"Those jobs are created by demand," he said, "and they can't be outsourced."

Rep. Horn said he expects the legislation to move quickly through the House, but said the Senate "is looking at it with a curious eye."

But Zimmermann said it's imperative that the money be approved quickly. To be effective, summer ads must be on the air by May 1 at the latest, he said, so Travel Michigan must be guaranteed the funding by the first of April.

"Otherwise we'd have to wait until 2009," he said. "That's just a lost opportunity - you never get it back."

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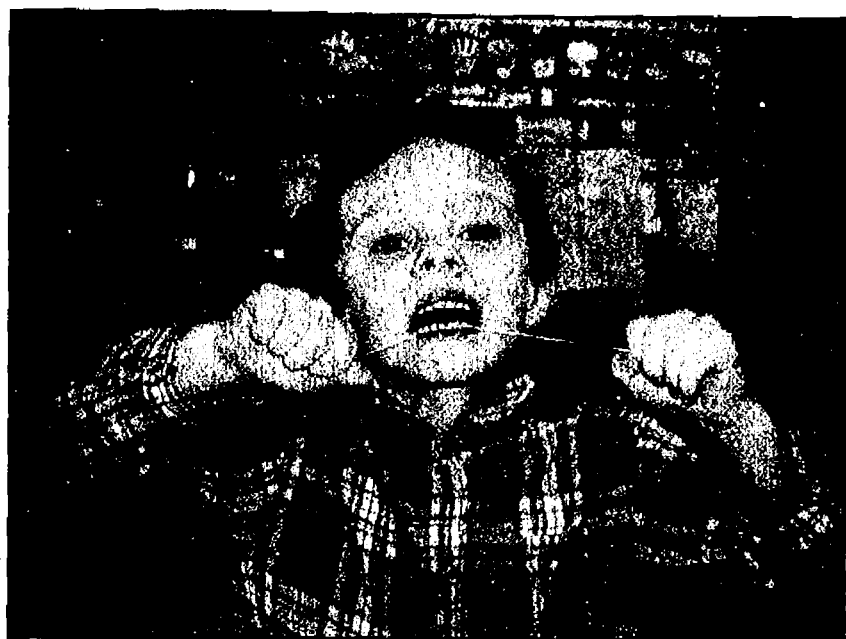
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## Students learn dental health



Grayling area dental hygienist Michelle Andrews conducted her fifth annual dental health program at the AuSable Primary School last week, teaching the students the benefits of brushing, flossing and getting regular dental check-ups. Above left, Andrews looks over some dental x-rays with Brett Turner and Jacob Bisel, students in Karla Goetz's kindergarten class. Below left, Bisel practices flossing after getting some instruction in dental hygiene. Above, Christina Gilkerson practices brushing teeth on the model of a mouth brought in to teach the youngsters dental health.

Photos by Dan Sanderson

## Chimney fire makes rental home unliveable

A Grayling Township rental home was damaged by a fire last week.

The Grayling City/Township Fire Department was dispatched to a house fire, located, at 2703 Sweet Fern Drive in Grayling Township, at 12:15 p.m. on Thursday, March 13.

Sgt. Randy Baerlocher from the Crawford County Sheriff's Office

advised firefighters that the fire was going through the roof of the home.

The fire was caused by a hole in the chimney of the house and spread into the attic, said Russ Strohpaal, the fire chief for the Grayling City/Township Fire Department.

Firefighters called for a tanker from the South Branch Township

Fire Department and assistance from firefighters from the Beaver Creek Township Fire Department.

"The guys had a great stop once they were able to get to the fire," Strohpaal said. "They were able to get at it; get it knocked down and contained to the attic."

The upper level of the home sustained minor smoke and water damage.

The home is owned by Mary and Gary Davis, who had homeowners' insurance. It was rented to April and Zach Russell. The Russell's possessions were not damaged, and they also had renter's insurance. The Russells are staying with family while the home is being repaired.

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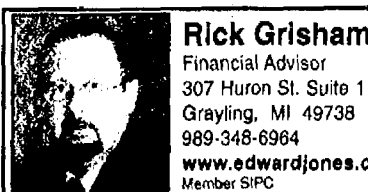
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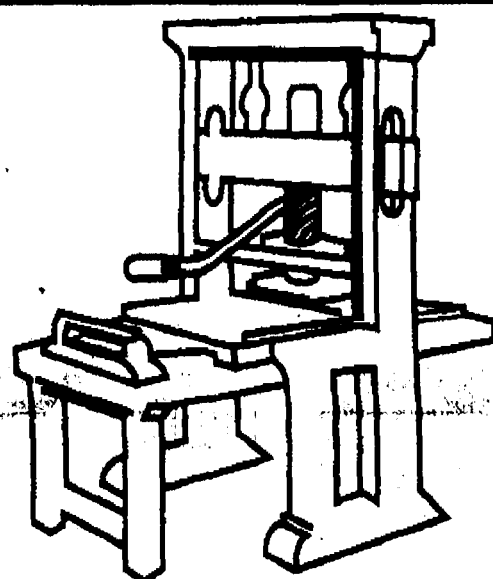
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# Timbering foes protest Mason Tract cutting

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and the sale of the timber was approved in 2004.

The sale of the timber netted about \$41,895 for state coffers.

Tim Mason, the grandson of George Mason, said the family would have no problem with cutting the trees to prevent disease or for fire management. Mason, however, said they would have a problem if the timbering was based on generating money for the state.

"I don't have a problem with good forest management, but if it's a decision based on revenue, that seems shortsighted," Mason said.

Doug Maidment, who moved to Crawford County two years ago after retiring, loves walking and taking visitors through the Mason Tract.

"It's pretty much like having your own paradise and you don't

have to pay taxes on it," Maidment said. "Maybe they thought it was the right thing to do, but aesthetically, they ruined it."

Maidment said the clear cut, located off of a road leading through the Mason Tract, created an eyesore.

"You come to one point and you could land airplanes in there," he said.

Larry Helvie, who is among a group of Crawford County residents who have protested the state's timbering practices, is also angered by the logging in the Mason Tract. Helvie believes old growth forests should be maintained in areas like the Mason Tract, Hanson Hills and the North Higgins Lake State Park, so they can be viewed and enjoyed for generations to come.

"They're cutting everywhere people go to enjoy themselves,"

Helvie said. "The state's turning everything into a tree farm. The only thing that's going to save the state is tourists."

Rusty Gates, president of the Anglers of the AuSable, a local conservation group, believes that the DNR should focus on smaller and selective cuts to preserve wildlife habitat and prevent the opening and closing of roads for loggers.

"It looks like a bomb went off," Gates said about the clear cutting. "It's pretty ugly."

Thiel acknowledged that the logging has impacted the aesthetics of the forest, but said it would start to look better as vegetation grows with the arrival of spring weather. Some deer enclosures will also be placed on the property to determine the amount of oak stump sprouts that the deer eat and those that will survive to become mature

oak trees.

"It's a visual thing, and I don't blame them," Thiel said.

Thiel said the management plan for the Mason Tract was initially developed in 1974, and was revised in 1994 and 1994. She said the management plan calls for protection of the river corridor, preserving and enhancing wildlife habitat and providing an area for hunters and fishermen in perpetuity.

Thiel encouraged those concerned about timbering in the Mason Tract to attend meetings on the management plan. She said a public meeting on the management plan will be held in the early summer, and DNR officials will likely host a field trip to the area in the fall.

"If they're passionate about the Mason Tract, that's the forum to become involved in," she said.

## Students attend Youth in Government conference

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Sarah Trudgeon and Melissa Kocenas. Five students were new members to Youth in Government,

while the remaining nine students had previously attended at least one conference. The students were led by Darrin Hawes, a Grayling High School social studies teacher and advisor for the school's Youth in Government program.

"It's very hands on, and the students work together on their various ideas and views to see how democracy works to come up with policies that are best for all people," Hawes said.

While in Lansing, the students drafted, discussed and voted on various bills.

Bills developed by Kilah Vanderstelt, Emily Sloan, Sarah Trudgeon and Melissa Kocenas were passed by the youth legislature and signed by the youth in government governor.

Bills drafted by the local students dealt with organ donation and expanding the state's bottle deposit law to include non-carbonated drinks such as teas, sports drinks and juices.

Kocenas said she was inspired to work on the legislation after see-

ing first hand the drink containers and other items being recycled at the Grayling High School through a recycling program started this year.

"We want to see the recycling program carried throughout the state, and expanding the deposit law to include non-carbonated beverages to encourage people to recycle would be a good start, so they don't end up in landfills," Kocenas said.

Rachel Wilson attended the Youth in Government conference for her second year. Wilson, who has also gone to Lansing with her mother, Illene Geiss-Wilson, who is the executive director for the Grayling Visitors Bureau, said she likes learning about governmental procedures and meeting students from across the state.

"I just think it's really interesting seeing what our representatives are doing in the lawmaking process," Wilson said.

After past Youth in Government conferences, some of the legislation created by the students has

evolved into bills passed by the Michigan Legislature, including changes in Michigan's graduated driver's license program.

The opening program for this year's Michigan Youth in Government was led by key-note speeches from Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop and Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

Michigan has one of the oldest and most-active Youth in Government organizations in the United States. Grayling High School has sent delegates to the Youth in Government conference for over 40 years.

This week, the Youth in Government participants are meeting to see if they can spur enough interest to start a club at the school to increase student participation.

Hawes is also encouraging the students to get involved with the political parties in Crawford County as election year activity heats up.

"I want them to take this a step further and I really want to get them participating," Hawes said.

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Non-incumbent judicial candidates are required to file a nonpartisan nominating petition containing the requisite number of valid signatures, an Affidavit of Identity (two copies) and an Affidavit of Constitutional Qualification no later than 4 p.m., Tuesday, April 29. Non-incumbent judicial candidates who wish to withdraw from the election must submit a written notice to the filing official no later than 4 p.m., Friday, May 2.

All judicial candidates for the Court of Appeals, Circuit Court and District Court file at the Department of State Bureau of Elections in Lansing. Probate Court candidates file with the

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State, County, Township and Village Offices - Partisan and nonpartisan candidates for the August primary (other than judicial candidates) must file a nominating petition and an Affidavit of Identity (two copies) no later than 4 p.m., Tuesday, May 13. Candidates for county convention delegate (precinct delegate) must file an Affidavit of Identity by this same deadline. Republican and Democratic candidates who seek the office of state representative, or a county office, may file a \$100 filing fee in lieu of a petition. In addition, candidates who seek a township library board position may file

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Candidates without political party affiliation who seek a partisan office in the November general election must file a qualifying petition and an Affidavit of Identity no later than 4 p.m., Thursday, July 17. Candidates who wish to withdraw from the election must submit a written notice to the filing official no later than 4 p.m., Monday, July 21.

Candidates who seek a village office, which will appear on the November general election ballot, must file a nonpartisan nominating petition and an Affidavit of Identity no later than 4 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 12. Village candidates who wish to withdraw from the election must submit a written notice to the filing official no later than 4 p.m., Friday, Aug. 15.

Candidates for township and village offices file with the township clerk. Candidates for county office file with the county clerk. Candidates for the state House of Representatives of the U.S. House of Representatives, whose district is wholly contained in one county, file with the county clerk. Those candidates whose districts fall in more than one county file at the Bureau of Elections in Lansing.

Affidavit of Identity forms can be obtained from any county clerk, local clerk or from the Department of State's Bureau of Elections in Lansing. Forms are also available on the Department of State Web site at [www.Michigan/sos](http://www.Michigan/sos).

Candidates who fail to comply with filing requirements are ineligible to appear on the ballot.

For more information regarding filing requirements and up-to-date listings of the candidates who have filed for judicial and state elective offices, visit the Department of State Web site at [www.Michigan/sos](http://www.Michigan/sos) or contact the Bureau of Elections at 517-373-2540.

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# Spring sports teams begin indoor workouts for 2008 season

■ *Official practices started Monday, most teams to play season openers in April*

by Caleb Casey  
Senior Staff Writer

There is still a lot of snow on area baseball and softball fields, golf courses, tracks, and soccer fields, but high school sports teams across the state began their official practices for the 2008 spring season last Monday. Several teams from Grayling High School will play their season openers during the second week of April, once school resumes after spring break.

Grayling High School teams – varsity baseball, junior varsity baseball, varsity softball, JV softball, girls soccer, boys golf, boys track, and girls track – began their indoor workouts for the 2008 season last week.

Tim Sanchez, Athletic Director for the Crawford AuSable School District, said the district's gyms are "pretty crowded" right now, with all teams starting practice and weather not allowing them to get outside.

"We have a pretty good coaching staff this spring. They started practicing on Monday. It's really hard with the snow. The coaches are pretty good at compromising. The sports get what they need," Sanchez said. "It will probably be like that till at least next week. We might be looking at after spring break. All the teams want to be outside. No one wants to be inside."

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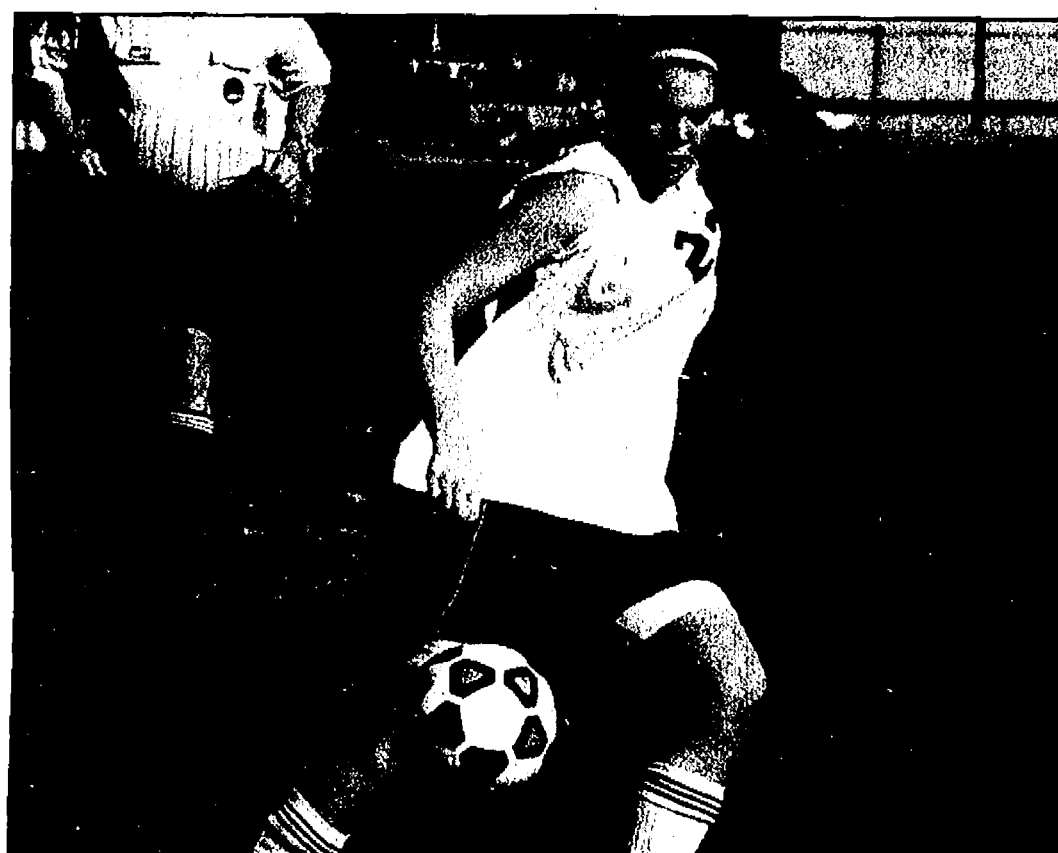
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Soccer

## Busy winter sports season had its positives, negatives

■ *Issues this winter included decrease in gate revenue, gym time for practices*

by Caleb Casey  
Senior Staff Writer

The 2007-2008 winter sports season, which featured a lot of changes and adjustments due to a few sports changing seasons, included both positive and negative results for Grayling High School's athletic program.

With girls basketball moving from the fall to the winter this year – changing spots with girls volleyball – this year's winter season was busy for players, coaches, fans, officials, and administrators.

Tim Sanchez, Athletic Director for the Crawford AuSable School District, said more than 50 percent of the school's athletic activity now takes place in the winter, following the season changes implemented this year.

"All in all, my first winter, I enjoyed it, with all the help I had. It was busy, a lot of time away from the family," Sanchez said. "I had a lot of help (from the custodial staff, (secretary) Dianne (Tobin), and (assistant athletic director) Scott Baker. That was good. We got really busy toward the end, with the boys and girls (basketball) district games."

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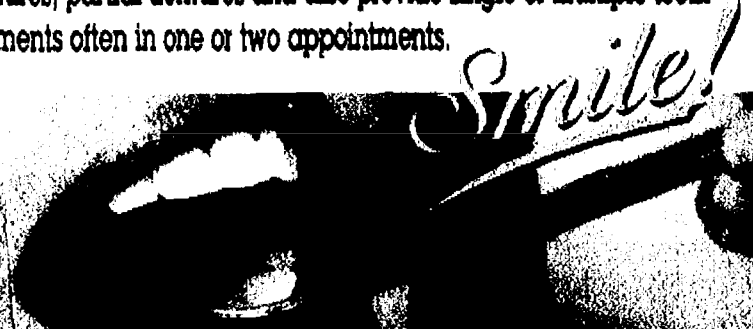
With girls basketball moving from the fall to the winter this year, the 2007-2008 winter season was busy for players, coaches, fans, officials, and administrators. Gate revenue was down from last year for both sports in 2007-2008.



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## Spring sports teams begin indoor workouts for 2008 season

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The baseball and softball teams have been practicing at the high school, since the mobile batting cage is located in the GHS gym, and other sports — soccer for example — have been practicing at the middle school, Sanchez said.

The varsity baseball team will be coached by John Schneider again this season. The junior varsity baseball coach is Rob Aubry, who served as an assistant coach last year.

The varsity baseball squad has one doubleheader scheduled for next week. The team gets into the bulk of its season in April after spring break. The Vikings are scheduled to play at Big Rapids on Monday, March 24. The team plays at Kalkaska on Friday, April 11. The squad's first home series is set for Tuesday, April 15, at 4:30 p.m. vs. Boyne City.

The JV baseball team opens its 2008 season with a doubleheader at GHS vs. Kalkaska on Friday, April 11, at 4:30 p.m.

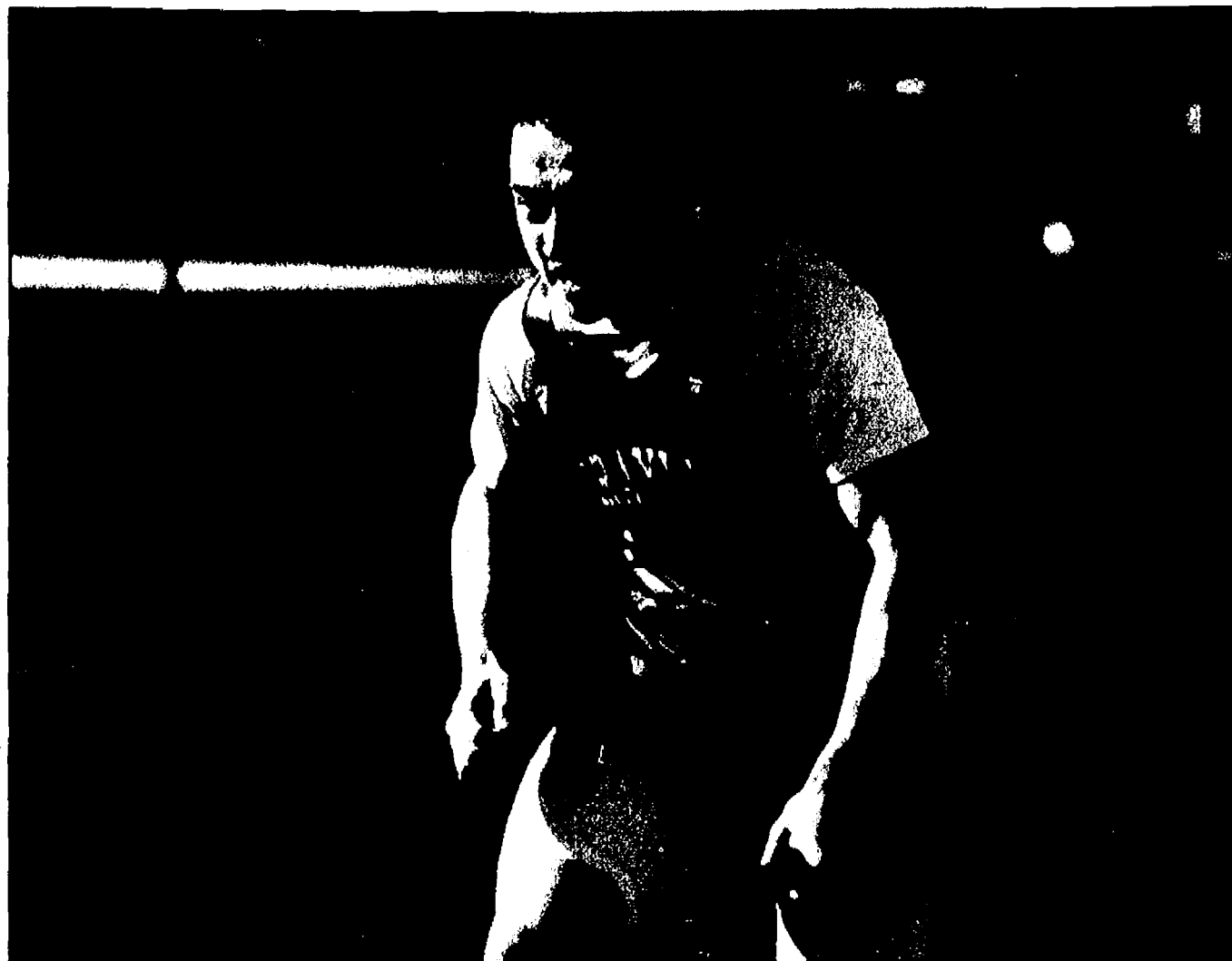
Keri Brock is back as coach of the varsity softball squad. Jessica Henderson, a former player at GHS who served as an assistant coach last year, will coach the JV softball team.

The varsity softball team's season opener is set for Friday, April 11, at Kalkaska. The team plays Boyne City at home on April 15.

The junior varsity softball team will host Kalkaska on April 11.

Sanchez said a concession stand will be available at baseball and softball games this year, unlike the past few seasons, with proceeds going to the programs.

The varsity baseball and soft-



Track

ball teams will host a tournament this year on Saturday, May 10.

"We haven't recently hosted a tournament, so that'll be nice," Sanchez said. "That's good for the kids, they get to play for a trophy, play on a Saturday, not miss as much school."

Tim Gariglio returns as coach of the girls track team, and Matt Collins is the new boys track coach. Collins, who did his student teaching at GHS and served as an assistant coach for football last fall, replaces Sanchez, who took the athletic director position.

"Matt ran track at Saginaw Valley State University. Great guy, the kids like him. He knows what he's talking about," Sanchez said.

Sanchez said some of the track team's distance runners have been training outside, but it's still too cold for sprinters and field event athletes to practice outdoors, due to the risk of

injury.

The track team will not host any meets this year, due to deterioration of the track's surface at GHS.

"We really shouldn't have had any the last two years," Sanchez said. "It's a safety issue. Safety-wise, we just couldn't do it."

Sanchez said the school district is going to resurface the track in June.

"It's supposed to be redone every seven years, we're going on 11 or 12," he said. "All the (physical education) classes use (the track) too, so all the students in school can utilize it."

Sanchez said a vandalism incident a few years ago, one that involved vehicles driving over the track and onto the football field, contributed to the track surface's deterioration.

With the new track in place, GHS will host its own tournament next year.

"I'm a track guy, I want to start our own invitational. We'll

start with that next year," Sanchez said.

The boys and girls track teams open their 2008 seasons with the Ogemaw Invitational meet on Friday, April 11.

The varsity girls soccer team will be coached by Loren Cobb this spring. The squad opens its 2008 season with a home game vs. Kalkaska on Tuesday, April 8, at 5 p.m.

The new coach for boys golf is Mark Rutter. Boys golf switched seasons from fall to spring this year. The golf squad's scheduled season opener is set for April 7 at Cheboygan. The Vikings will host the Grayling Invitational on Thursday, May 1, at 9 a.m.

"Spring will be a lot less events compared to winter," Sanchez said. "Fifty-five percent of our events are in the winter."

"Hopefully, people will come out and watch our spring teams," Sanchez said.



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# Two girls named to all-conference team

■ **Laura Boylan and Sam Schreiber earn all-league honors for basketball**

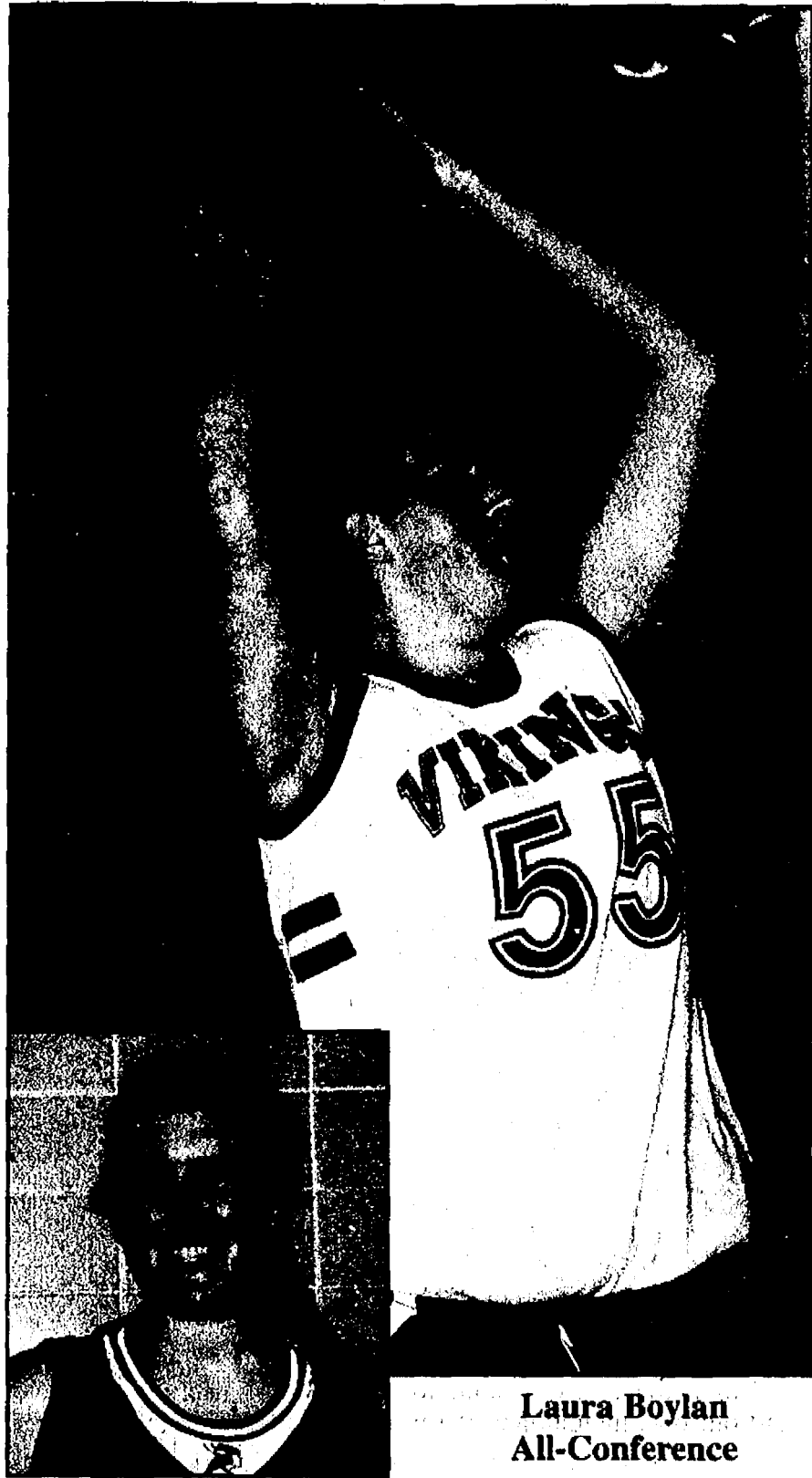
Two members of the Grayling High School varsity girls basketball

squad — center Laura Boylan and guard Sam Schreiber — recently received all-league recognition in the Lake Michigan Conference.

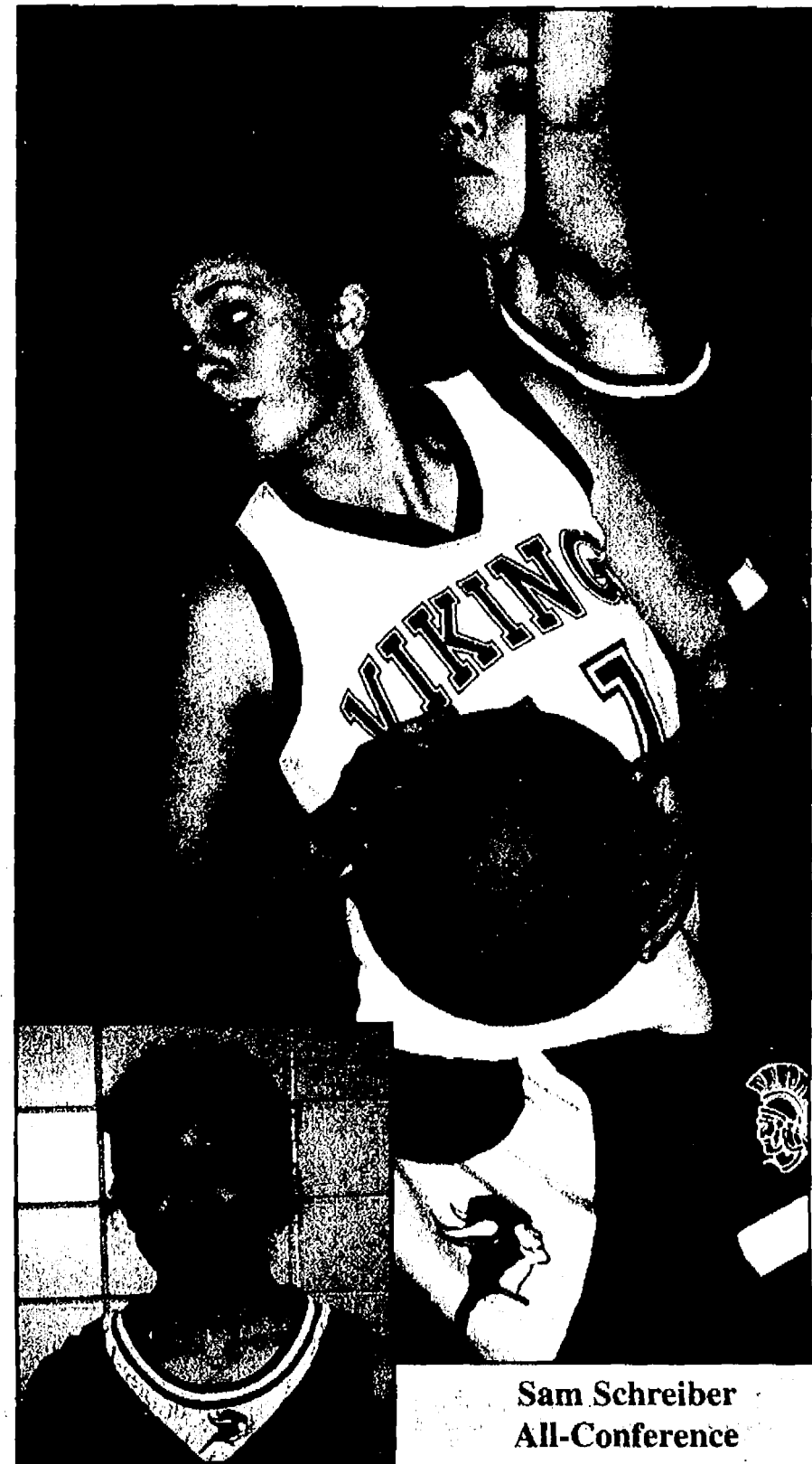
Boylan, a junior, was named to the all-conference squad. Boylan

led Grayling in scoring this year with 275 points. She also led the Vikings in rebounding (196) and shot blocking (81). Boylan averaged 13.1 points, 9.3 rebounds, and 3.9 blocks per game this past season.

Schreiber received an all-league honorable mention. Schreiber led Grayling in steals with 42. She was Grayling's second leading scorer with 99 points. Schreiber averaged 4.7 points, 2.9 rebounds, and 2.0 steals per game this year.



**Laura Boylan**  
All-Conference



**Sam Schreiber**  
All-Conference

## BOWLING LEAGUE

### Recreation League

Woody Girls ..... 34.5 - 13.5  
American Legion ..... 29 - 19  
GMH-NCC ..... 24 - 24  
Grayling Nurs.Center ..... 24 - 24  
Robin L. Smith CPA. 23.5 - 24.5  
Days Inn ..... 23 - 25  
T & T Fishing ..... 20 - 28  
Glen's Market ..... 14 - 34  
High Series: M. Starks, 570; K. Moshier, 529; C. Clark, 489.  
High Game: M. Starks, 218; K. Moshier, 199; C. Clark, 184.

### Thursday Morning Coffee

Ladybugs ..... 27 - 9  
K.I.P. .... 22.5 - 13.5  
Chatty Three ..... 18 - 18  
Casino Bums ..... 17.5 - 18.5  
R.E.M. .... 17 - 19  
Snow Tops ..... 17 - 19  
Goofballs ..... 13 - 23  
Bill's Harem ..... 12 - 24  
High Series Men: K. Harris, 534; B. Holton, 513; E. Broskey, 504.  
High Game Men: K. Harris, 235; E. Broskey, 193; B. Holton, 186.  
High Series Women: H. Stairs, 498; D. Miller, 470; P. Harris, 461.  
High Game Women: M. Broskey, 213; H. Stairs, 186; P. Harris, 171.

### Friday Mixed Doubles

L & L Hauling ..... 52 - 32  
Bucket Brigade ..... 48 - 36  
Last Call ..... 48 - 36  
Miller Spillers ..... 44 - 40  
Great Lakes Roofing ..... 41 - 43  
MMR ..... 40 - 44  
American Legion ..... 33 - 51  
Forget About It ..... 30 - 54  
High Series Men: D. Canfield, 689; D. Williamson, 592; J. Lehman, 561.  
High Game Men: D. Canfield, 278; J. Lehman, 223; D. Williamson, 207.  
High Series Women: M. Starks, 568; S. Johnson, 503; C. Osborne, 491.  
High Game Women: M. Starks, 209; L. Hanson and S. Johnson, 186.

### Sunday Mixed Doubles

Spike's #2 ..... 50 - 27  
Spike's #1 ..... 46 - 31  
Extreme Muffins ..... 46 - 31  
Grayling Rest. #2 ..... 45 - 32  
Bi-Polar Bowlers ..... 33 - 44  
Farm Bureau ..... 32 - 45  
Four Amigos ..... 28 - 49  
Gray Rock Cafe ..... 26 - 51

High Series Men: K. Slater, 507; C. Moshier, 484; D. Kirchoff, 482.  
High Game Men: K. Slater, 197; C. Moshier, 184; D. Morse, 181.  
High Series Women: N. Glasslee, 504; T. Hellebuyck, 475; L. Mead, 469.  
High Game Women: T. Hellebuyck, 194; L. Mead, 190; N. Glasslee, 181.

### American Men's League

McLean's Ace ..... 15 - 6  
GADCO ..... 13 - 8  
Dragon Repair ..... 13 - 8  
West Side Diner ..... 10 - 11  
Derwich Ind ..... 9 - 12  
Otsego Lake Service ..... 9 - 12  
Moore's Auto ..... 8 - 13  
Fenton's Auto Serv. .... 7 - 14  
High Series: J. Thayer, 639; D. Canfield, 631; Lance Davis, 610.  
High Game: D. Canfield, 247; J. Thayer, 244; B. Gulick, 225.

### Pioneer League

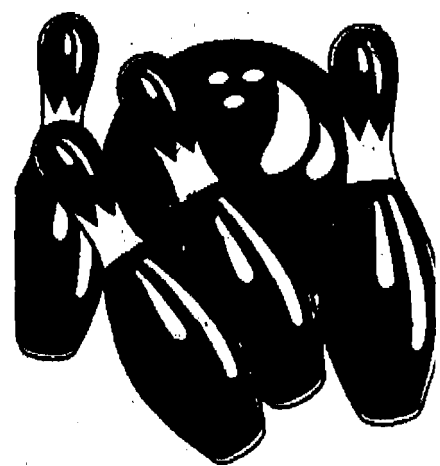
Grayling Rest ..... 25 - 7  
Eagles Nest Sports ..... 18 - 14  
T.C. Lawncare ..... 18 - 14  
McDonald's ..... 16 - 16  
"5" B's ..... 16 - 16  
Johnson Const ..... 13 - 19  
Spicy Bob's ..... 12 - 20  
Tim's Collision ..... 10 - 22  
High Series: T. Rock, 532; A. Nygard, 513; D. Argue, 501.  
High Game: T. Rock and R. Christman, 199; C. Wyatt, 194.

### Senior Bowling

Flowers By Josie ..... 26 - 14  
Gaylord Electric ..... 24 - 16  
Grayling Pharmacy ..... 24 - 16  
Kicking Grass ..... 23 - 17  
Sylvester's Sports ..... 18 - 22  
Spike's ..... 16 - 24  
Bear's Den Pizza ..... 15 - 25  
Lone Pine ..... 14 - 26  
High Series Men: D. Williamson, 546; P. Faustman, 545; L. Crampton, 509.  
High Game Men: P. Faustman, 211; D. Williamson, 198; L. Crampton, 193.  
High Series Women: N. Glasslee, 529; P. Harris, 496; H. Stairs, 478.  
High Game Women: P. Harris, 203; H. Stairs, 195; N. Glasslee, 189.

### Grayling Youth PeeWees

Strikers ..... 10 - 5  
Legion Legends ..... 10 - 5  
Fearsome Foursome ..... 9 - 6



Soldier Girls ..... 9 - 6  
Sparky ..... 8 - 7  
Team 4 ..... 8 - 7  
Team 8 ..... 6 - 9  
The B' E's ..... 0 - 15  
High Series Boys: D. Johnston, 211; Z. Pittman, 188; K. Bonamie, 181.  
High Game Boys: D. Johnston, 109; Z. Pittman, 106; K. Bonamie, 95.  
High Series Girls: E. Connoy, 208; S. Devriendt, 191.  
High Game Girls: E. Connoy and S. Devriendt, 109; C. Bonamie, 100.

**National First**  
Pittman Bld. .... 51 - 26  
Legion Lanes ..... 46 - 31  
Corky's Karaoke ..... 43 - 34  
Spike's ..... 41 - 36  
Upper Lakes ..... 35 - 42  
Continental Rental ..... 34 - 43  
Medicine Shoppe ..... 33 - 44  
Faustman Insurance ..... 25 - 52  
High Series: J. Hunt, 688; J. Helsel, 624; D. Walker, 611.  
High Game: W. Hollis, 264; D. Walker, 247; M. D'Amour, 236.

### Grayling Youth Juniors

Gutter Girls ..... 15 - 6  
Three Strikes ..... 11 - 10  
Strikesters ..... 10 - 11  
Strikers ..... 10 - 11  
Legion Ladies ..... 9 - 12  
Pin Heads ..... 7 - 14  
High Series Boys: A. Perrin, 194; T. Piehl, 169; K. Richardson, 162.  
High Game Boys: A. Perrin, 108; K. Richardson, 97; T. Piehl, 86.  
High Series Girls: M. Malm, 206; N. Woodley, 165; C. Prosser, 160.  
High Game Girls: M. Malm, 102; C. Prosser, 92; M. Jankowski, 87.

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**The GHS varsity wrestling squad won its second consecutive team district championship during the 2007-2008 season. The Vikings also won their second conference championship in three years.**

# Busy winter sports season had its positives, negatives



**Grayling High School skier Mike Olson earned all-state honors this year.**

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GHS hosted Michigan High School Athletic Association district playoff tournaments for both boys and girls basketball this year. The athletic department made a "couple thousand" dollars from hosting the tournaments, Sanchez said, but gate revenue from regular sea-

This year, boys and girls teams played Tuesdays and Thursdays for half the season then switched to Wednesdays and Fridays. Sanchez said he is trying to schedule more Friday games - nights that will include both varsity teams - for next year to help improve revenue.

son boys and girls basketball games was significantly reduced this year, compared to last year and two years ago.

"Our biggest downfall was all the money we lost. We lost six thousand in boys basketball (compared to last year) and one thousand in girls basketball. That's not ever going to be made up," Sanchez said. "Last year was a down year, so GHS athletic teams took over concession duties this year to help pay for their transportation costs. The system worked well, Sanchez said, but the attendance decrease had a negative effect on concession sales.

we're down even more from two years ago."

The change in sports seasons for girls basketball added to gym time practice issues, but GHS coaches handled it well. Sanchez said.

"The coaches got together and (divided) up time so it was fair. For me, that made it nice. For them, sometimes it meant shorter practices, late practices. Gym time was not fun for anybody. Luckily, we had coaches that compromised and made sure gym times were fair. I'm sure at times it was difficult," Sanchez said.


Having both basketball seasons going on at the same time also put a strain on referee availability this year.

"We never had a crew not show up, but the head ref had to get subs sometimes. Sometimes we had inexperienced refs at games," Sanchez said.

On a positive note, Grayling High School's wrestling team won a conference championship – its second league title in three years – and a district championship this year. It was the squad's second consecutive team district win.

"Wrestling did really well. Won league in wrestling, and had an all-stater," Sanchez said. "Our competitive cheer team took second place in league. The ski team sent three skiers to state."

"A pretty good year," Sanchez said.



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# Basketball program to host 3-on-3 tournament

The Grayling basketball program will host a 3-on-3 tournament for boys and girls in grades 3-12 on Saturday, April 19. Team registrations are now being accepted.

The team fee, for up to four players, is \$55. Teams that register before April 9 can save \$5 and pay only \$50 for their registration fee.

Teams are guaranteed two games. Referees will officiate each contest. The tournament will include 10 different divisions, and 1st and 2nd place trophies will be awarded for each division.

Divisions include: #1) boys, grades 11-12; #2) girls, grades 11-12; #3) boys, grades 9-10; #4) girls, grades 9-10; #5) boys, grades 7-8; #6) girls, grades 7-8; #7) boys, grades 5-6; #8) girls, grades 5-6; #9) boys, grades 3-4; #10) girls, grades 3-4.

All coed teams must compete in a boys division. Divisions are determined by the oldest team member's grade.

Divisions 1-5 will play at Grayling High School, and divisions 6-10 will play at Grayling Middle School. A

captains meeting will be held at 8:30 a.m. on the day of the tournament. Games start at 9 a.m.

A concession stand will be available.

All proceeds from the tournament will benefit GHS basketball.

April 12 is the deadline for registration. For questions, or to get an entry form, contact Rich Moffitt at (989) 344-3506 or [rmoffit@casdk12.net](mailto:rmoffit@casdk12.net). Official tournament rules are posted on the Internet at: [www.casdk12.net/Basketball/Schedule.htm](http://www.casdk12.net/Basketball/Schedule.htm).

## LEGAL ACTION

### STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT CRAWFORD COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT - FAMILY DIVISION PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF HEARING

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### SYNOPSIS SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP ANNUAL BOARD MEETING MARCH 11, 2008 UNAPPROVED

Meeting called to order at 8:36 p.m.  
Presiding: Tom Kozlowski, Supervisor  
and Lynn George, Clerk.  
Pledge of Allegiance.  
No public comment.

**Motion** by Rosemary Oakley, and seconded by Cris Jones, to accept the agenda as presented. Ayes: 15. Nays: 0. Motion passed.

**Motion** by Herman Bratfish, and seconded by Patricia Durfee, to accept the minutes from the Annual Meeting 2007. Show of hands: Ayes: 15. Nays: 0. Motion passed.

Supervisor Kozlowski presented the State of the Township message.

At this time the meeting was open to public comment.

**Motion** by Rick Fields, and seconded by Patricia Durfee, to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

### SYNOPSIS SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP MARCH 11, 2008

### REGULAR BOARD MEETING UNAPPROVED

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m.  
Attending: Luck, Kozlowski, George, Janisse and Musselman. Absent: None.  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Public comment: None.

**Motion** by Luck, and seconded by George, to accept agenda with additions requested. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

**Motion** by Janisse, and seconded by Musselman, to accept consent agenda, February Regular Meeting Minutes, with change, and Special Meeting Minutes, bills and invoices paid, and projected bills for March, and the Treasurer's Report as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

**Motion** by Janisse, and seconded by George, to approve the following purchases by the Fire/EMS Dept., Water Tender Repair for Vehicle #432 at \$570.00, Piercing Nozzle at \$800.00, 10 Eye Glass Holders for face masks at \$47.00 ea, total \$470.00, NMFA Fire Inspector School for Chief Windolph at \$465.00 for classes and \$160.00 for books, and Retro-fit for Pumper Truck #452 at \$980.00. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

**Motion** by Luck, and seconded by Kozlowski, to adopt the South Branch Township Zoning Ordinance as presented. Roll call vote: Luck - Aye, Kozlowski - Aye, Musselman - Aye, George - Aye, Janisse - Aye. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

**Motion** by Kozlowski, and seconded by Luck, to adopt the Resolution Regarding Zoning Application Fees and Establishing an Escrow Fund Requirement for Certain Zoning Applications and Developments. Roll call vote: Luck - Aye, Kozlowski - Aye, Musselman - Aye, George - Aye, Janisse - Aye. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

**Motion** by Luck, and seconded by Kozlowski, to adopt a resolution to rescind the Private Road Resolution 2004-09-14. Roll call vote: Luck - Aye, Kozlowski - Aye, Musselman - Aye, George - Aye, Janisse - Aye. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

**Motion** by Kozlowski, and seconded by Musselman, that having received no response to our certified letter to the Diemert family regarding the open plot in Pioneer Cemetery, the plot will be closed after the spring thaw. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

**Motion** by Kozlowski, and seconded by Luck, for the Township to follow the recommendations of our attorney regarding the case before the Tax Tribunal and settle out of court. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

**Motion** by Kozlowski, and seconded by Luck, to adopt a resolution to amend the representative for the Fire Insurance Withholding Program from Hesse & Hesse, P.C., to the South Branch Township Treasurer's Office. Roll call vote: Luck - Aye, Kozlowski - Aye, Musselman - Aye, George - Aye, Janisse - Aye. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

**Motion** by Janisse, and seconded by Luck, to accept as payment in full on the suppression cost for the Rivard fire the \$500.00 received from the insurance company. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

**Motion** by Luck, and seconded by George, to amend the wages of the Election Inspectors and Election Chairperson to \$7.40 and \$7.90 per hour, respectively. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

**Motion** by Janisse, and seconded by Luck, to approve the \$2,220.00 payable to the Crawford County Sheriff's Department for S.T.I.N.G. enforcement in South Branch Township. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

**Motion** by Janisse, and seconded by Musselman, to approve payment of the premium on South Branch Township 2008-09 insurance years in the amount of \$15,525.00 to Municipal Underwriters of

Michigan. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

**Motion** by Luck, and seconded by George, to approve payment of the invoice from the Township attorney, in the amount of \$770.00, for work done on Tax Tribunal case. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

**Motion** by Luck, and seconded by Kozlowski, to adopt by resolution the South Branch Township General Appropriations Act. Roll call vote: Luck - Aye, Kozlowski - Aye, Musselman - Aye, George - Aye, Janisse - Aye. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

**Motion** by Luck, and seconded by George, to adopt by resolution the Annual Meeting Schedule for 2008-09, the designated depositories for Township funds, and the Wages and Salaries for 2008-09. Roll call vote: Luck - Aye, Kozlowski - Aye, Musselman - Aye, George - Aye, Janisse - Aye. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by:

Terry L. Adkison and Patricia L. Adkison, Husband and Wife, Joint Tenants With Full Rights of Survivorship to

Amerquest Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated September 17, 2004 and recorded September 28, 2004 in Liber 671 Page 697 Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to: Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee, in trust for the registered holders of Amerquest Mortgage Securities, Inc., Asset Backed Pass Through Certificates, Series 2004-R11, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Eight Dollars and Six Cents (\$88,228.06) including interest 11.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, Circuit Court of Crawford County at 10:00AM on April 2, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 5, Grayling Manor, According to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 10, Crawford County Records.

Commonly known as 551 Pembroke Dr, Grayling MI 49738

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: FEBRUARY 22, 2008  
Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee, in trust for the registered holders of Amerquest Mortgage Securities, Inc., Asset Backed Pass Through Certificates, Series 2004-R11,

Assignee of Mortgage  
Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.  
811 South Blvd, Suite 100  
Rochester Hills, MI 48307  
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Leonard, a married person to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for EquiFirst Corporation, Mortgagee, dated October 24, 2006 and recorded November 9, 2006 in Liber 684 Page 107 Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to: Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the registered holders of Soundview Home Loan Trust 2006 EQ2 Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-EQ2, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Seven Thousand Four Hundred Two Dollars and Ninety-Three Cents (\$87,402.93) including interest 8.65% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, Circuit Court of Crawford County at 10:00AM on April 16, 2008. Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Southeast one-quarter of Lot 10 Block 10, Original Plat of the Village (now City) of Grayling, according to the recorded plat thereof. Also described as: Part of Lot 10, Block 10, of Original Plat of the Village (now City) of Grayling, described as:

Commencing at the Southerly corner of said Lot 11; thence North 45 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 120.19 feet along the Southwesterly line of said Lot 11 to the Point of Beginning at the Southerly corner of said Lot 10; thence continuing North 45 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 24.00 feet; thence North 44 degrees 57 minutes 29 seconds East 58.11 feet; thence South 49 degrees 43 minutes 28 seconds East 24.08 feet to the Northerly corner of said Lot 11; thence South 44 degrees 57 minutes 29 seconds West 60.08 feet along the line between said Lots 10 and 11 to the Point of Beginning. AND Lot 11 Block 10 of Original Plat of the Village (now City) of Grayling as recorded in Crawford County Records. Commonly known as 403 Michigan Avenue, Grayling MI 49738

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: MARCH 7, 2008 Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the registered holders of Soundview Home Loan Trust 2006 EQ2 Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-EQ2, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd, Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 08-88849 ASAP# 2709378 03/13/2008, 03/20/2008, 03/27/2008, 04/03/2008

-13-20-27-3

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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Brandin Duryea a single man and Melody Weaver a single woman, as joint tenants, original mortgagor(s), to Gregory L. Webster and Lorraine K. Webster, husband and wife, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated March 9th 2001 recorded April 12, 2001 in Liber 553, Page 381 through 383, Crawford County Records Michigan, and subsequently assigned to Covenant Capital, Inc., dated March 9, 2001, and recorded April 12, 2001 in Liber 533, Page 384, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty Eight Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Four Dollars and Forty Cents (\$38,484.40). Including interest of 11% per Annum, Fees and Costs.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place

of holding, the 46th Circuit Court Lobby within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on April 9th, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 03 of Plats Page 34, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 4, 2008

Brian J. Hoffman (P60149)  
Attorney for Covenant Capital, INC.  
49 N. Morey Rd.  
P.O. Box 529  
Lake City, Michigan 49651

-13-20-27-3

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**ATTN PURCHASERS:** This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Vivian Balmes and Gerald Balmes, Husband and Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Citizens Bank, Mortgagee, dated November 18, 2004, and recorded on December 15, 2004 in Liber 672 on Page 911, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-One Thousand One Hundred Nineteen And 88/100 Dollars (\$121,119.88), including interest at 6.44% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on April 16, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Being Lot Number 31 and Lot Number 32, in Skyline Heights, as shown in the recorded plat/map thereof in Liber 3, Page 32 of Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 13, 2008  
For more information, please call:  
FCL 248.593.1312  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Servicer  
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200  
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525  
File #193015F01

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amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Joseph H. Balagna and Christina Balagna, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc., Mortgagee, dated June 29, 2006, and recorded on July 31, 2006 in Liber 682 on Page 593, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Four Thousand Fourteen And 67/100 Dollars (\$64,014.67), including interest at 7.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on April 16, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 68 of AuSable Woods No. 3, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Liber 3, Page 9, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 13, 2008  
For more information, please call:  
FC C 248.593.1301  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
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31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200  
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525  
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**MORTGAGE SALE** - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Elizabeth Wallace, a single woman, original mortgagor(s), to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, a New Jersey Corporation, Mortgagee, dated June 9, 2004, and recorded on June 11, 2004 in Liber 668 on Page 982, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Three Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Nine And 45/100 Dollars (\$93,229.45), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

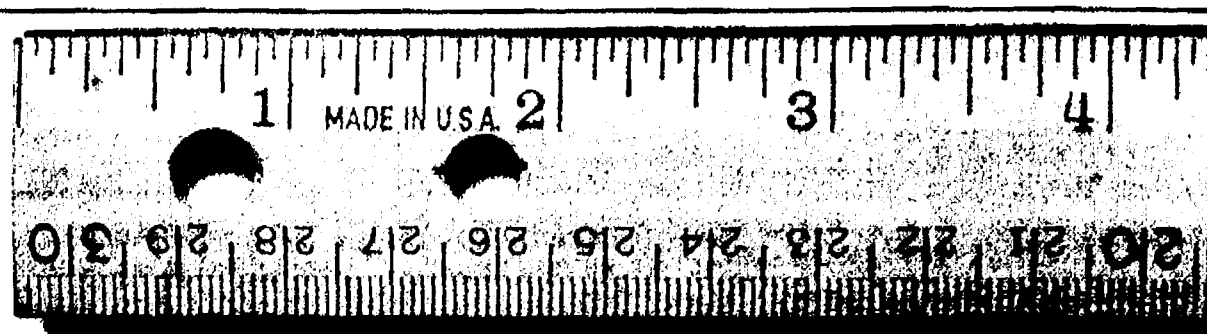
Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on April 23, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 32, Grayling Manor, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 10, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 20, 2008  
For more information, please call:  
FC S 248.593.1304  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
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**MORTGAGE SALE - Default** has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Boyd St Shair and Claudia Faust St Clair, husband and wife, joint tenancy with full rights of survivorship, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 22, 2005, and recorded on November 30, 2005 in Liber 678 on Page 732, in Crawford County records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to EverHome Mortgage Company as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Six Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-One And 46/100 Dollars (\$46,471.46), including interest at 8% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on April 9, 2008.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at a point 567 feet East and 380 feet North of the South 1/8 post between Sections 7 and 8, Town 26 North, Range 3 West; thence North 52 feet; thence East 158 feet; thence South 52 feet; thence West 158 feet to Place of Beginning. Being part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 3 West

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 6, 2008  
For more information, please call:  
FC R 248.593.1305  
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Attorneys For Servicer  
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200  
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525  
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**MORTGAGE SALE - Default** has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael Wiles and Alicia Wiles, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., Mortgagee, dated June 3, 2005 and recorded June 7, 2005 in Liber 675, Page 806, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Trustee for DBALT 2005-AR1 by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Three Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-Eight and 26/100 Dollars (\$43,498.26) including interest at 7.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on APRIL 9, 2008.

Said premises are located in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:  
Commencing at a point 66 feet North and 33 feet East of the South one-eighth post between Sections 7 and 8, Town 26 North, Range 3 West; and running thence East 120 feet, thence North 60 feet, thence West 120 feet, thence South 60 feet to the place of beginning. Being a part of the Northwest one-quarter of Southwest one-quarter of Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, lying within the boundary of the City of Grayling.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: March 6, 2008  
Orlans Associates, P.C.  
Attorneys For Servicer  
P.O. Box 5041  
Troy, MI 48007-5041  
(248) 457-1000 File No. 306.0858

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**MORTGAGE SALE - Default** has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Norman H. Spinelli, a married man and Irene Spinelli, his wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 7, 2005 and recorded November 21, 2005 in Liber 678, Page 590, Crawford County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventy-Four Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Six and 16/100 Dollars (\$174,236.16) including interest at 7.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on APRIL 2, 2008.

Said premises are located in the Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:  
The West one-quarter of the East one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter, lying South of Highway M-76, Section 29, Town 25 North, Range 3 West, Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: February 28, 2008  
Orlans Associates, P.C.  
Attorneys For Servicer  
P.O. Box 5041  
Troy, MI 48007-5041  
(248) 457-1000 File No. 199.4656

## MORTGAGE SALE

PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248)539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

**MORTGAGE SALE - Default** has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by KENNETH M. SMITH, A SINGLE MAN, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns., Mortgagee, dated August 10, 2005, and recorded on August 19, 2005, in Liber 676, on Page 910, and modified by Partial Release of Mortgage dated January 7, 2008, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand One Hundred Seven Dollars and Sixty-Four Cents (\$155,107.64), including interest at 6.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 AM o'clock, on April 2, 2008

Said premises are situated in Crawford County, Michigan and described as:  
**PARCEL "D" - PART OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 27 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST, FREDERIC TOWNSHIP, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTH 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION 2; THENCE NORTH 1 DEGREE 11 MINUTES 45 SECONDS EAST (ALONG THE NORTH AND SOUTH 1/4 LINE) 1757.6 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 54 MINUTES WEST, 1807.43 FEET TO THE LEFT BANK OF THE AUSABLE RIVER; THENCE NORTH 31 DEGREES 26 MINUTES EAST (ALONG SAID BANK) 154.9 FEET; THENCE NORTH 12 DEGREES 54 MINUTES WEST (ALONG SAID BANK) 116.0 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 54 MINUTES EAST, 1757.68 FEET TO THE NORTH AND SOUTH 1/4 LINE; THENCE SOUTH 1 DEGREE 11 MINUTES 45 SECONDS WEST 245 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. THIS PARCELS EXTENDS TO THE WATERS EDGE OF THE AUSABLE RIVER.**

EXCEPTING THEREFROM THAT PORTION DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

**PARCEL D-1: PART OF THE NORTH-EAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 27 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST, FREDERIC TOWNSHIP, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT A POINT ON THE NORTH AND SOUTH 1/4 LINE OF SAID SECTION 2; DISTANT SOUTH 01 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 45 SECONDS WEST ALONG SAID 1/4 LINE 626.00 FEET FROM THE CENTER OF SAID SECTION 2; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 01 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 45 SECONDS WEST 245.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 54 MINUTES WEST 1,184.83 FEET; THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 245.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 54 MINUTES EAST 1,184.48 FEET TO**

**THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SUBJECT TO AND ALONG WITH THE RIGHT OF INGRESS AND EGRESS OVER THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED EASEMENTS: A 33 FOOT EASEMENT OVER THE WEST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 2 LYING WEST OF OLD US 27 AS RECORDED IN LIBER 101, PAGE 30. ALSO A 33 FOOT EASEMENT OVER PART OF THE NORTH-EAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 2, NORTH LINE DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT THE CENTER OF SAID SECTION 2; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 54 MINUTES WEST ALONG THE EAST AND WEST 1/4 LINE 1,216.57 FEET; THENCE FROM THAT POINT BECOMING A 66 FOOT EASEMENT, CENTERLINE DESCRIBED AS SOUTH 01 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST 871.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 54 MINUTES EAST 1,217.83 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 45 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE EAST SIDE 443.30 FEET TO THE POINT OF ENDING.**

ABOVE NOW BEING DESCRIBED AS:

**PARCEL D-2: PART OF THE NORTH-EAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 27 NORTH, RANGE 4 WEST, FREDERIC TOWNSHIP, CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT A POINT LOCATED DISTANT SOUTH 01 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 45 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE NORTH AND SOUTH 1/4 LINE OF SAID SECTION 2 A DISTANCE OF 626.00 FEET AND SOUTH 89 DEGREES 54 MINUTES WEST 1,184.48 FEET FROM THE CENTER OF SAID SECTION 2; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST 245.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 54 MINUTES WEST 622.60 FEET TO A POINT OF TRAVERSE ALONG THE EAST BANK OF AU SABLE RIVER LATER REFERRED TO AS FIRST MENTIONED POINT OF TRAVERSE; THENCE CONTINUING SOUTH 89 DEGREES 54 MINUTES WEST 45 FEET MORE OF LESS TO SAID EAST BANK; THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG SAID EAST BANK 265 FEET MORE OR LESS; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 54 MINUTES EAST 42 FEET MORE OR LESS TO A POINT OF TRAVERSE LOCATED NORTH 31 DEGREES 26 MINUTES EAST 154.90 FEET AND NORTH 12 DEGREES 54 MINUTES WEST 116.00 FEET FROM FIRST MENTIONED POINT OF TRAVERSE; THENCE CONTINUING NORTH 89 DEGREES 54 MINUTES EAST 573.20 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.**

**SUBJECT TO AND ALONG WITH THE RIGHT OF INGRESS AND EGRESS OVER THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED EASEMENTS: A 33 FOOT EASEMENT OVER THE WEST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 2 LYING WEST OF OLD U.S. 27 AS RECORDED IN LIBER 101 PAGE 30. ALSO, A 33 FOOT EASEMENT OVER PART OF THE NORTH-EAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION 2, NORTH LINE DESCRIBED AS BEGINNING AT THE CENTER OF SAID SECTION 2; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 54 MINUTES WEST ALONG THE EAST AND WEST 1/4 LINE, 1216.57 FEET; THENCE FROM THAT POINT BECOMING A 66 FOOT EASEMENT, CENTERLINE DESCRIBED AS SOUTH 01 DEGREES 16 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST 871.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 54 MINUTES EAST 1217.83 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 45 SECONDS WEST ALONG THE EAST SIDE 443.30 FEET TO THE POINT OF ENDING.**

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 21, 2008  
Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee/Assignee

Peter M. Schneiderman & Associates, P.C.  
23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450  
Southfield, MI 48075

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**MORTGAGE SALE - Default** has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jay O. Roberts and Beth H. Roberts, husband and wife, to Mortgage

Electronic Registration Systems Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated October 17, 2005 and recorded December 16, 2005 in Liber 679, Page 31, Crawford County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Four Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Four and 38/100 Dollars (\$134,694.38) including interest at 7.99% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on APRIL 2, 2008.

Said premises are located in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lots 9 and 10, Block 25, of Roffee's Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the Plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 11, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: February 28, 2008  
Orlans Associates, P.C.  
Attorneys For Servicer  
P.O. Box 5041  
Troy, MI 48007-5041  
(248) 457-1000 File No. 199.4657

## MORTGAGE SALE

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**MORTGAGE SALE - Default** has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Douglas R. White and Vickie White, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 25, 2006 and recorded May 11, 2006 in Liber 681, Page 457, Crawford County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Four and 51/100 Dollars (\$99,964.51) including interest at 8.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on APRIL 16, 2008.

Said premises are located in the Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:  
The North three-quarters of the South one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 23, Town 28 North, Range 4 West, lying East of the M.C.R.R. Right-of-Way. Being the same property conveyed to Douglas R. White and Vickie White, husband and wife by Deed dated 10-7-04 and recorded 10-7-04 in Deed Book 671, Page 859, in the Office of the Recorder of Crawford County, Michigan.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: March 13, 2008  
Orlans Associates, P.C.  
Attorneys For Servicer  
P.O. Box 5041  
Troy, MI 48007-5041  
(248) 457-1000 File No. 199.4677

## MORTGAGE SALE

PETER M. SCHNEIDERMAN & ASSOCIATES, P.C., IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT (248)539-7400 IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

**MORTGAGE SALE - Default** has been

made in the conditions of a mortgage made by GLEN R. CARLSON, A SINGLE MAN, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns., Mortgagee, dated May 27, 2003, and recorded on June 16, 2003, in Liber 639, on Page 184, and assigned by said mortgagee to THE HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK, as assigned, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Thirty-One Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-Eight Dollars and Forty-Eight Cents (\$31,598.48), including interest at 7.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 AM o'clock, on April 16, 2008

Said premises are situated in Crawford County, Michigan and described as:  
THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE EAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 7, TOWN 26 NORTH, RANGE 2 WEST.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 6, 2008  
THE HUNTINGTON NATIONAL BANK Mortgage/Assignee

Peter M. Schneiderman & Associates, P.C.  
23100 Providence Drive, Suite 450  
Southfield, MI 48075

## MORTGAGE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in a Mortgage given by Debra J. Reynolds, a/k/a Debra Jean Reynolds, a single woman, mortgagor, to Independent Bank, mortgagee. The Mortgage is dated January 9, 2006, and was recorded on March 10, 2006, in Liber 680, page 146, of the Crawford County records. The balance owing on the Mortgage as of the date of this Notice is \$32,114.22, including interest at 9.50% per year. The Mortgage contains a power of sale clause and no proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt owing.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on Wednesday, April 23, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. local time at the main entrance to the Crawford County Court Facility, 200 W. Michigan Ave., Grayling, Michigan, that being the place of holding Circuit Court for Crawford County, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, including interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in the Township of South Branch, County of Crawford, Michigan and is described as:

Land situated in the Township of South Branch, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, described as follows: Commencing at a point on the South section line of Section 32, T25N, R1W, and being 1091.00 feet West of the South 1/4 post of said Section 32, thence N 86°40' W, 200.00 feet along the South section line; thence N 00°51'30" W, 149.00 feet (recorded) 179.1 feet (measured) along a line parallel to the North-South 1/4 line to the Southerly Right-of-Way line of Highway M-144 (now M-18); thence Northwesterly 210.46 feet (recorded) Northeasterly 208.6 feet (measured) along said Right-of-Way line; thence S 00°51'30" E, 254.60 feet (recorded) 254.5 feet (measured) along a line parallel to the North-South 1/4 line to the place of beginning, being part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 32.

The redemption period will expire six (6) months after the date of the foreclosure sale, unless the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will expire 30 days after the date of the foreclosure sale, or when the time to provide notice under MCL 600.3241a(c) expires, whichever is later.

SMITH, MARTIN, POWERS & KNIER, P.C.

Dated: March 13, 2008  
By:  
Henry L. Knier, Jr. (P46393)  
Attorney for Independent Bank,  
Mortgagee  
900 Washington Ave., P.O. Box 219  
Bay City, MI 48707  
(989) 892-4574

-20-27-3-10

## GRAYLING CHARTER TOWNSHIP 2008-09 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET HEARING NOTICE

The Grayling Charter Township Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 31, 2008, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way (W M-72 Hwy), Grayling, to receive and review public comment regarding the 2008-09 Fiscal Year Budgets for the General Fund, Township Improvement Fund and Liquor Law Enforcement Fund.

Copies of the proposed budgets will be available at the Grayling Township Hall, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738.

A Special Meeting of the Grayling Township Board will be called to order immediately following the Budget Hearing for the purpose of presenting for adoption the 2008-09 Budgets, amendment resolution for Fiscal Year 2007-08, payment of miscellaneous bills prior to fiscal year end and any other matters which may legally be brought before the Board.

Monica Ashton, C.M.C.  
Grayling Charter Township Clerk

## NOTICE SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP

As adopted at the Annual Meeting March 11th, 2008, and under the provisions of the Freedom of Information and Open Meetings Acts, the Township of South Branch does hereby establish that there will be one (1) regular monthly meeting held by the Township Board as follows:

- All meetings will be held at the Township Hall, 5245 N. M-18, Roscommon.
- Meetings will be held on the second (2nd) Tuesday of each month and will commence promptly at 7:00 p.m.
- Dates of the regular meetings are as follows:

April 8, 2008	May 13, 2008	June 10, 2008
July 8, 2008	August 12, 2008	September 9, 2008
October 14, 2008	November 11, 2008	December 9, 2008
January 13, 2009	February 10, 2009	March 10, 2009

Annual Meeting: March 10, 2009, after Regular Board Meeting.

A summary of the Adopted Budget for 2008-2009 and Financial Statement for year ending March 31, 2008, are available for public inspection at the South Branch Township Hall located at 5245 N. M-18, Roscommon.

## South Branch Township Zoning Ordinance Notice of Adoption

A zoning ordinance regulating the development and use of land has been adopted by the legislative body of the township of South Branch, on March 11, 2008 and shall be effective on March 28, 2008. The Zoning Ordinance is available online at the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG) Web site ([www.nemcog.org](http://www.nemcog.org)). Additionally, copies of the ordinance may be inspected or purchased at the South Branch Township office located at 5245 N. M-18, Roscommon (hours M-F, 9-1). For information, contact Zoning Administrator Phil Verdui at (989)275-8232.

# Public Notice



Public Notices in Newspapers. Your Right to Know, Delivered Right to Your Door.





# FEATURES

## A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE



March 21, 1985 - These three dolls, Mike Branch, Paul Thomson and Dale Nicholas, as well as other Rotary jokers, ham it up on stage Friday and Saturday at the Joseph Stripe Auditorium.

### 23 Years Ago March 21, 1985

Snow days in the Crawford AuSable School District won't be made up this year, but beginning in the 1987-88 school year, that could change. According to a new state law, a school district must hold 180 school days. Any days cancelled by weather must be made up. The Crawford AuSable School District does not have to comply until 1987-88, when the current teacher's contract runs out.

The Grayling High School Building Trades may save Crawford County more than

\$5,000 by providing free labor in building new offices at the county courthouse. The county commissioners voted 7-0, at their regular meeting March 12, to use the GHS Building Trades crew in the office renovation project that is not to exceed \$9,000. County Building and Zoning Director Bruce Jones was placed in charge of the project and GHS Building Trades Instructor Dale Lesh will be supervising two crews at the courthouse, one working in the morning and the other in the afternoon.

Claudine Allen, Todd Bidwell, Chris Bindschattel, Joe Denno,

Jimmy DeVriendt, Shannon Gizinski, Linda Goodale, Candy Grigsby, Becky Harcourt, Susan McLaughlin, Jannice LaDuke, Jan Parmer, Janet Petrosky, Chad SanCartier, Tracy Sheldon, Todd Thorsen, Michelle Wilkins and Linette Whitcher were all named February students of the month at Grayling Middle School.

Senior Tim Jones, a two-time All-American from Grayling, has been voted northern Michigan's Most Valuable Wrestler for the 1984-85 season.

### 46 Years Ago March 22, 1962

Four Grayling Viking basketball players were honored last week when the All Conference team for this season was named by the league's coaches. One Grayling player, Tim Neal, was named to the All Conference team, while three others were given honorable mention. Named to honorable mention was Tim's brother, Sherman Neal, a senior basketball center, and Chris Kroll and Tom Wright, both Grayling juniors.

Ben Redman ended an outstanding basketball career for Frederic High School with strong performances in the district tournament in Gaylord, scoring 41 points in two games. During his four years of varsity play, he scored a total of 698 points.

George A. Griffith, of Grayling, won recognition for good sportsmanship last week in the Metropolitan Miami Fishing Tournament when he released a redfish while out of Haney's

Tackle Box, Islamorada, Fla. His catch will be recorded on the front page of his personalized copy of the Year Book of South Florida Fishing.

### 69 Years Ago March 23, 1939

A fire alarm was sounded Friday afternoon when the back seat of Joe McLeod's automobile was discovered burning. The car was parked in the rear of Hanson Hardware, near the John Bruun stables. The fire was quickly extinguished.

The Mason-Legion pinocle tournament is drawing to a close, and next Wednesday evening will determine a winner. On Tuesday, Charles Moore and Clair Smith held high scores for the Masons and Clarence Johnson and Otto Failing held high scores for the Legionnaires.

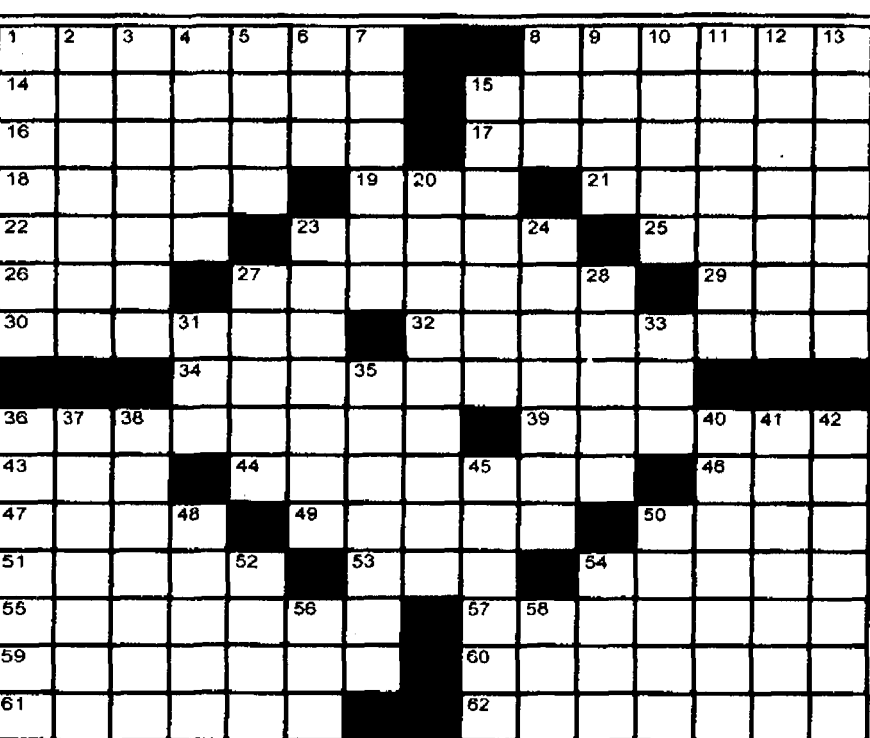
The Feldhauser School won first honors in the TB Christmas Seal sale in Crawford County.

### 92 Years Ago March 23, 1916

A fire was discovered in the home of William Niel at about 4 a.m. The fire department responded promptly and put the fire out. At 7 a.m. the next morning, a fire was discovered again in the same place. The origin is unknown.

Ivory R. Gile, highway commissioner of Beaver Creek Township, has been appointed by the State Highway commission to take charge of the construction of the truckline that is to be built in the coming season.

## CROSSWORD



- Across**
1. Occurring by chance
  6. Military address
  9. Support, with "up"
  13. "Gladiator" setting
  14. Australian runner
  15. Meccan, e.g.
  16. Widely known person
  17. Engine speed, for short
  18. \_\_\_ a high note
  19. Fit to be taken in
  21. Larder
  23. ViOa \_\_\_ Mar, Chile
  24. Dermal development
  25. "Wait a \_\_\_"
  28. Dash
  30. Cancel
  35. Fit
  37. Forest growth
  39. Archaeological find
  40. Biology lab supply
  41. Montezuma
  43. "O Sanctissima," e.g.
  44. Twisted in order to extract liquid
  46. Abominable Snowman
  47. One of the two main branches of orthodox Islam
  48. Create disorder in
  50. Common request
  52. Kitchen pest
  53. Burg
  55. Carbonium
  57. Dash a liquid upon
  61. Eight-armed cephalopod
  65. High nest: Var.
  66. Electrical unit
  68. Crossbeam
  69. Current
  70. "For shame!"
  71. Banana oil
  72. Furnace output
  73. Dark time for poets
  74. Doctor's order
- Down**
1. Shoestring
  2. Chief solid component of mammalian urine
  3. Member of a European people who once occupied Britain, Spain and Gaul
  4. Work, as dough
  5. Speak about unimportant matters incessantly
  6. Arid
  7. Babysitter's handful
  8. Cuban dance
  9. Breathe hard
  10. "How \_\_\_!"
  11. Aroma
  12. Smelling of pine
  15. Sets written material into type
  20. Andean animal
  22. Big coffee holder
  24. Kind of sandwich
  25. Oboe forerunner
  26. High wave caused by tidal flow
  27. Santa \_\_\_
  29. Homey
  31. Family based on male descent
  32. \_\_\_ shirt (colorful garment)
  33. Link
  34. Enthusiastic approval
  36. Coastal raptors
  38. Adjusts, as a clock
  42. Kind of duty
  45. Emptied completely
  49. "MS. Found in a Bottle" writer
  51. Craftsman who shapes pottery
  54. Composed
  56. Elating to Scandinavia
  57. Actor \_\_\_ Green
  58. Combustible heap
  59. Length x width
  60. Hair colorer
  61. Black cat
  62. Approach
  63. Eye layer
  64. Balkan native
  67. Clod chopper

### ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

## RECIPE OF THE WEEK



### Fruit and Nut Snack Bars

Prep Time: 20 Min

#### Snack Mix

- 4 cups honey nut flavored cereal
- 1 cup dried fruit bits
- 1/2 cup shelled sunflower seeds
- 1/2 cup dry-roasted peanuts

#### Syrup

- 3/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/2 cup corn syrup
- 1/4 cup peanut butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Spray 13x9-inch pan with cooking spray. In large bowl, stir together snack mix ingredients; set aside. In 2-quart saucepan, stir together syrup ingredients except vanilla. Heat to boiling over medium-high heat, stirring constantly. Boil 1 minute. Remove from heat. Stir in vanilla. Pour syrup over snack mix, stirring until evenly coated. Press mixture firmly in pan. Cool completely, about 30 minutes. For bars, cut into 9 rows by 4 rows. Store tightly covered. Makes 36 Bars

### Fun & Kids

## FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?

## MAZE

Start Here

## HIDDEN PICTURE

Color in each space that contains a letter.

## ADOPT A PET

### Scooby Boo II

Scooby is a handsome and active 3 year old Black Lab mix. He is affectionate, playful and enjoys the company of other dogs. Scooby will require a bit of training but will be worth the effort.

### Selma

Selma is a 9 - 12 month old Calico/Tabby short hair. She has a lovely disposition and wonderful markings. Selma suffered frostbite during this bitter winter and has lost the tips of her ears. This just makes her cuter and more special.

The AuSable Valley Animal Shelter is a participating member of the Very Best Pet Network.

**AuSable Valley Animal Shelter is located at:**  
5786 Fairground Lane, Grayling  
Use the entrance to the Crawford County Fairgrounds  
Hours: Open 10 to 3 pm Monday thru Saturday, 10 to 12 pm on Sundays and Holidays  
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117  
For more pets or more information, visit our website [www.asc.petfinder.com](http://www.asc.petfinder.com)

# HOROSCOPES

For the week of March 20, 2008

**Capricorn**  
December 22-January 19  
Wake up, Capricorn! Someone close to you is in trouble and needs your help. A small victory at work paves the way for a larger one down the road.

**Aries**  
March 21-April 19  
A home improvement project turns out to be a little much. Call on a handy friend, Aries. They will not fail you. An incident at work makes you laugh.

**Cancer**  
June 22-July 22  
Workable solutions usually come easily to you, Cancer. This time, however, the answer won't be so clear, and you will have to dig a little deeper to find it.

**Libra**  
September 23-October 22  
Yeah, right, Libra. You've played that game before with a friend, and you won't fall prey to it again. A shopping excursion brings you an unexpected surprise.

**Aquarius**  
January 20-February 18  
Congratulations, Aquarius, on your upcoming purchase. Pinching those pennies was worth it after all. A painstaking lawn and garden project begins.

**Taurus**  
April 20-May 20  
Honesty is key in dealing with a situation at work, Taurus. Be polite but firm. A relative has something on their mind. Don't dismiss what they have to say.

**Leo**  
July 23-August 22  
What a waste, Leo. Your relative's obsession gets them into dire trouble. Be there for them, but don't bail them out. There is a lesson to be learned.

**Scorpio**  
October 23-November 21  
Ugh, Scorpio. You can't keep burning the candle at both ends. In order to succeed, you must learn to say no and take on only what you can handle.

**Pisces**  
February 19-March 20  
Oh please, Pisces. Excuses do not become you. Just state the facts and leave it at that. Your family will understand. A change in procedure at work eases the load.

**Gemini**  
May 21-June 21  
How typical, Gemini, for a friend to react that way to your news. Don't let it get to you. There are others who will take what you have to say in stride.

**Virgo**  
August 23-September 22  
A lapse in concentration puts you on the offensive. Step up to the plate, Virgo, and act quickly. A financial mix-up tests your business savvy.

**Sagittarius**  
November 23-December 21  
Get a move on, Sagittarius! You only have so many days left on a project until the deadline, and you're nowhere near completion. Sit down, get organized and push, push, push!

## WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

### Last Week Snow

Date	H	L	Inches
3/11	31	-10	0
3/12	39	16	0
3/13	38	22	1
3/14	35	14	1/2
3/15	44	12	0
3/16	31	20	0
3/17	35	11	0

### Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the Weather.com)

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
High 32 Low 16	High 35 Low 14	High 37 Low 18	High 37 Low 20	High 33 Low 19	High 35 Low 23
Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny



# ADVERTISING CLASSIFIED

**Classifieds must be paid for in advance**

Display Advertising Rate - \$8.00 per column inch

Deadline for Display Classifieds - 12 noon, Monday

Classifieds by the word rate - \$6.00 for 15 words or less, 10¢ per each additional word; includes Internet listing:

www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com

Classified by the word deadline - 12 noon, Tuesday

## Crawford County Avalanche

### 1. Real Estate

**2-3 BEDROOM** 2 bath, year round ranch in peaceful setting, on maintained road, near lakes and snowmobiling. (586) 446-0004, (586) 713-7500. (6/22/06tf/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**NEWLY CONSTRUCTED** 2 x6, 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom, with private access to mainstream AuSable, 5 miles east of Grayling, \$109,000. 348-4840. (-20-27-3-10/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**OLDER MOBILE HOME**, \$17,000 cash. Call for further details, 344-1261. Will consider renting, \$300 mo. (-13-20/1)

**RIVER FRONT HOME**- 3 bedroom, 2 bath with fireplace, great views! Walkout basement has family room/fireplace w/wood insert, 2 bedroom (office, den?) laundry, storage. 2-car attached. Lg. pole bldg., 348-8524. (3/20/08tf/1)

### 1. Real Estate

**MOBILE HOMES** 2-3 bedroom for sale, owner finance on lot, 989-348-5278 or 586-405-0030. (3/20/08tf/1)

**THIS AUSABLE RIVER HOME** has over 175 feet of river frontage, and is only 25 feet from the river. You can fly fish from the 750 square foot wrap-around deck. Enjoy this 2,175 square foot 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom home located on the east branch, 1 mile north of Mercy hospital. Featuring a full sized kitchen, living room, finished walkout basement, fireplace, hot tub, large cedar sauna and much more. The manicured lawn is watered from an underground sprinkler system and looks like a well maintained golf course. Price has been reduced from \$239,500 down to \$199,500. Lets talk. Call 989-348-2083 for showing by owner. (3/13/08tf/1)

### 2. For Rent

**OFFICE SPACE** in Roscommon, great location. \$475 per month, plus utilities. 989-348-2466, AuSable Rentals. (1/10/08tf/2)

**SENIOR APARTMENTS AVAILABLE** at The Brook Retirement Communities. Offering Independent and Assisted Living. Lots of amenities, activities, beautiful surroundings and affordable living. Communities located in: Houghton Lake (989) 422-7200 Roscommon (989) 275-4000, West Branch (989) 343-1400, Gladwin (989) 426-8700. Call or stop by today for a personalized tour. (5/10/2007tf/2)

**3 BEDROOM CHALET** 1 1/2 baths, fully furnished, 2 car garage, \$525 + utilities + security deposit. References required. Warblers Hideaway, 2704 Lovells Rd. 989-348-4950 or 989-344-6001. (-13-20/2)

**NICE CLEAN 2 BEDROOM** mobile with garage, washer/dryer and appliances. \$450 per month, no pets. 989-348-2418. (-28-6-13-20/2)

**CABIN AND MOBILE HOME** at Lost Acres Cabins, 1 room cabin #1 \$275 Cabin #6, #4 \$375, includes utilities, near Blue Gill Lake. 11010 N. Old US 27, 2 br mobile home, \$395, (new paint, carpet, windows) plus utilities & security, no pets. 11006 N. Old US 27 877-227-6976. (2/7/08tf/2)

**AVAILABLE COZY SMALL HOUSE** near town. 2 bedroom 1 bath, washer/dryer hook up. Nonsmoking, no pets, \$450 per month 989-390-2908. (02/14/08tf/2)

### 2. For Rent

**GREAT BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY.** Cafe for lease or sale in Frederic. Fully equipped historic building, \$700 month. Call 989-450-9742 after 7 p.m. (-21-28-6-13-20/2)

**VIKING VILLAGE APARTMENTS** are now taking applications for upcoming availability. Very nice two bedroom, two bath apartments approximately one mile west of Grayling off M-72. Units in this quiet community include central air conditioning, attached garage, paved lighted streets and driveways, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer and dryer. Lawn care, snow removal, and garbage pickup included in annual lease. Contact Herb Olson, at 989 348-9456, for more information. (02/21/08tf/2)

**SMALL FURNISHED 2 bedroom 1 bath** cottage with garage, in country setting 12 minutes south of Grayling, \$500 a month, first and last month rent. Credit report obtained. 989-939-8965. (-20-27/2)

**LOG HOME**, beautiful large secluded on East Branch surrounded by Hartwick Pines. \$700 month, available end of May. 563-370-5104. (-20-27-3-10-17-24/2)

**NICE CLEAN 2 BEDROOM** house all electric. Washer and dryer hook ups. In Grayling Township, \$500 mo. No pets. Call 989-448-4200 for details. (-20-27/2)

**DRIVER TRAINEES** needed now. Drivers being hired and CDL trained for Werner Enterprises. \$800/week no experience needed 800-882-7364. (-28-6-13-20-27-3/3)

**What do I have to have to get a MORTGAGE?**

There's no perfect answer to this but here are some things that lenders like to see in order to get a good FIXED term at a LOW rate.

- No credit or good credit
- 2 years on the job
- Low payments on other bills
- No Bankruptcies in last 3 years
- No open judgements or collections
- Good rental history

Does this sound like you? Not sure? Give me a call and we'll review your situation at NO CHARGE. No application fees!

**Homes & Cabins Mortgage**

1-989-344-1100 or 989-390-5668

**Home Sales Up 35% from 2005, Up 27% from 2006, Up 12% from 2007 for January & February**  
Now is the time to list! Call Dan Bonamie



**DAN BONAMIE II**  
Sales Associate  
Cell (989)710-1194  
Fax (989)348-7556

**RE/MAX of Grayling**  
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**STATE LAND ON 3 SIDES AFFORDABLE WELL MAINTAINED HOME** 3 bedroom home located at end of private drive features an open floor plan, insulated, heated 2 car garage, and a yard to enjoy. DB-2630 \$82,000

## Bank Owned 800 Homes in Michigan AUCTIONS

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RAMADA INN. GRAYLING

Local Homes Include:  
**4390 W. Pinecrest GRAYLING**

3 BR, 2 BA, 1080 SF  
Agent: Sheri Kimberly, Coldwell Banker, (989) 732-4637

**803 Vine • GRAYLING**  
2 BR, 2 BA, 1500 SF Home w/ Indoor Swimming Pool  
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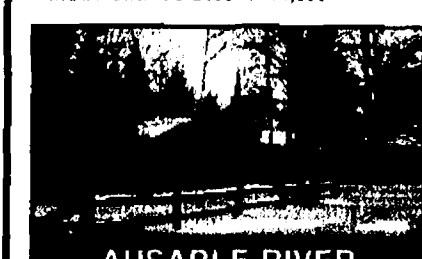
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### 3. Employment

**CUSTODIAL/MAINTENANCE POSITION** available at the Devereaux Memorial Library. Qualified applicants must have experience w/electrical, plumbing, indoor & outdoor maintenance & yard work. Some heavy lifting is possible. Positions offer 15/20 hours, Mon. thru Sat., \$8 per hour. Experienced only need apply. Applications can be picked up at the library, 201 Plum Street, Grayling, MI, between 9 a.m. & 5 p.m., Mon. thru Fri. (-20/3)

**HOUSEKEEPING POSITION**-Part time. The R. A. MacMullan Conference Center is seeking a quality individual to fill a part-time position in our housekeeping department. Duties include guestroom and bathroom cleaning and meeting room set up. Experience in cleaning in a professional/commercial setting desired. Pay range is \$7.65-\$8.74/hour. Pre-employment drug testing is a requirement. Applications are available at the R. A. MacMullan Conference Center, 104 Conservation Drive, Roscommon. 989-821-6200. (-20/3)

### 3. Employment

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**ACT TEAM RN:** Grayling. Provide intensive case management services and problem-solving interventions directly and indirectly for clients of this specialized services program. The overall primary function for this position is to assure that nursing/health programming is appropriate and suitable. Registered Nursing degree with appropriate licensure with the state of Michigan required. Two (2) years of experience in providing services to consumers who have mental health needs is highly desirable. Must strongly believe in recovery and have a commitment to creating and maintaining a culture that expects recovery. Northern Lakes offers competitive wages and an excellent benefit package.

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#### 8. Announcements

#### 4. Services Offered

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#### 8. Announcements

#### 5. For Sale

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#### 8. Announcements

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#### 8. Announcements

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#### 8. Announcements

**HALL FOR RENT.** American Legion Post 106, Grayling, with kitchen. All occasions. Contact manager 348-7232. (-6-20-3-17-1-15/8)

**GRAYLING RECREATION AUTHORITY** is seeking volunteers to help organize adult tennis classes and a horseshoe league. The right person will have knowledge of the sport and a willingness to help support the program. All those interested please contact Joni Dunckel at 989-348-9266. (-13-20/8)

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**KALKASKA EAGLES** #4496 - Bingo will start on Monday, April 7, 2008. Early birds start at 5 p.m. We are located on M-72 between Grayling and Kalkaska, where Manistee river crosses M-72. (-20-27/8)

#### 8. Announcements

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#### 8. Announcements

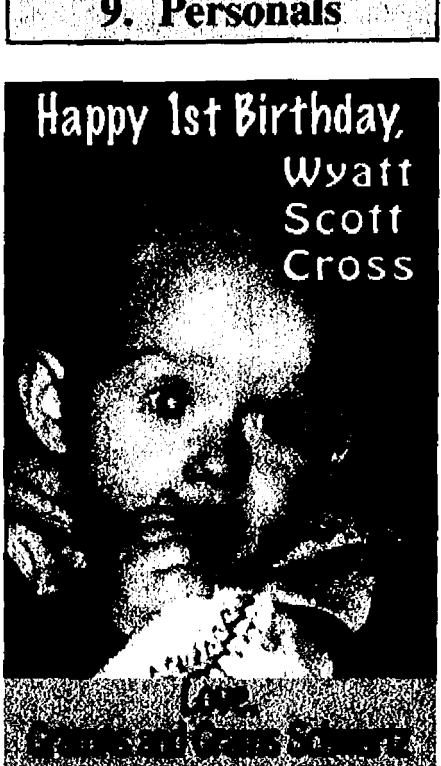
**THE FRIENDS** of the Crawford County Library wish to thank the volunteers, Friends' members and the community for making our "March Madness" book sale a big success. See you in July! (-20/8)

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#### 11. Automotive

#### 9. Personals

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#### 11. Automotive

### REQUEST FOR BID


The Department of Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation Division is soliciting bids for vendors to supply ice and/or firewood to North Higgins Lake State Park for the upcoming 2008 camping season. For details and specifications, interested bidders should contact the Park Supervisor, North Higgins Lake State Park, 11747 N. Higgins Lk. Dr., Roscommon, MI 48653 989-821-6125.

### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Grayling Recreation Authority is seeking bids for the Hanson Hoppers playground. Bid shall include 2 hexagon towers one with a 10ft deck and a tube slide from the deck and one with a 8ft deck with reversible slide/climber, two bridges, one rock wall to 8ft deck, peddler, slide rails, one jumper and 3 climbers, chinning bar. All bids should be sealed and sent to Hanson Hoppers Park Bids, P.O. Box 361, Grayling, MI 49738 on or before March 25, 2008. The Bid will be awarded to the vendor providing the proposal that is in the best interest of the Grayling Recreation Authority and whose cost is within the budgeted amount. Questions concerning this should be directed to Joni Dunckel at 348-9266 or hansonhills@hotmail.com.

## Mich-Can Statewide Classified

<p><b>Auctions</b> <b>INNER BANKS LAND AUCTION,</b> Large waterfront/interior homesites at Masons Pointe; Saturday, March 29, 11AM; Pamlico County, NC. Iron Horse Auction, NCAL#3936, 800-997-2248, www.ironhorseauction.comALL</p>	<p>Excellent benefits. Need CDL-A and 3 mos recent OTR. 800-635-8669 <b>DRIVERS-REEFER AVERAGE</b> \$1.49/mi, paid to truck all miles. Excellent network late model equipment, 401k, Blue Cross Insurance. 800-771-6318. www.primeinc.com</p>	<p>Information for UAW members about the positives &amp; negatives of accepting a buyout 1-800-741-3379. <b>DR. DANIELS AND SON</b> Real Estate Loans. Cash for land contracts. \$10,000 to \$500,000 - Fast funding, free consultation. 800-837-6166. 248-335-6166. allan@drdanielsandson.com</p>
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The early stages of a child's development can be greatly affected by hearing loss.

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(NewsUSA) – Hearing loss is a subject often overlooked in the early development of a child. Whether ignored or unrecognized by a parent, misdiagnosed by a pediatrician or simply too unaffordable to correct; children are the ones who suffer the most.

According to a national study released by the Better Hearing Institute (BHI), an estimated 1.4 million people under the age of 18 have some form of hearing loss—that's approximately 1.7 percent of children. Only 12 percent wear hearing devices. Based on objective studies published in the Journal of the American Medical Association, the BHI believes the figure could be as high as 15 percent due to early exposure to noise. That means many parents are not aware that their child has hearing loss.

In some cases, pediatricians mistakenly say the child's hearing loss is untreatable. However, even when doctors and audiologists suggest a hearing device, parents can still be hesitant and often minimize the impact of the child's hearing loss. When a child's hearing loss is recognized within the educational system, often the only treatment is front-row seating, which for many is

inadequate. National research also shows that 50 percent of parents do not pursue detailed testing when their infant fails initial hearing screening at birth. Most parental concerns come from either the stigma placed on a child and how others will perceive them if they wear hearing aids or from financial matters.

The BHI strongly suggests that parents need to realize the importance of the early detection and treatment of hearing loss and the resulting benefits.

So, why should steps be taken early when it comes to hearing loss in children? The following key developmental factors are compromised when a child has an uncorrected hearing loss: speech and language development, academic competence, social skills, emotional health, self-esteem, relationships with family members and cognitive development. Early identification and correction of hearing loss would allow the child to grow and learn competitively with his or her peers and therefore develop into a productive human being.

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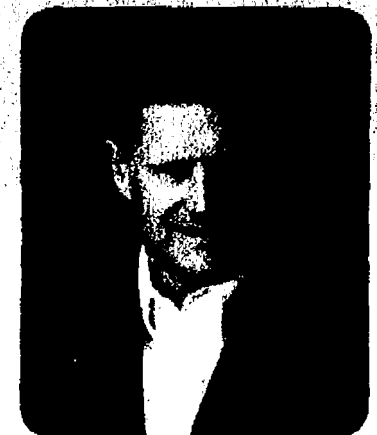
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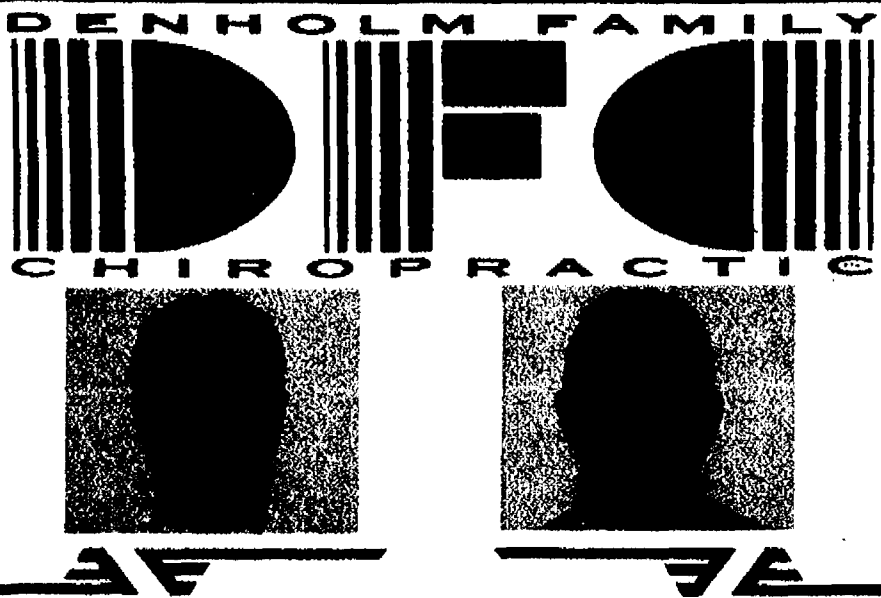
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# Top five health stories to watch for in 2008

(ARA) — When warnings about trans fats emerged, you worked hard to eliminate them from your family's diet. You were quick to clean out the kids' toy box when lead contamination fears prompted recalls of foreign-made toys in 2007. Keeping on top of health news can help you and your family lead healthier, happier lives.

"Staying abreast of health news becomes more critical every year," says Dr. Holly G. Atkinson, medical editor-in-chief of EverydayHealth.com, the award-winning Web site that helps people manage their health online daily. "Knowledge is power and being aware of the latest developments in medicine can help you make informed decisions about your own health care."

So what health developments on the horizon for 2008 are like to have the most impact on you and your family? Dr. Atkinson advises we keep our eyes on the following five developments:

## 1. Personalized Medicine through Genetic Testing

Genetic testing is promising to make it possible to identify many ailments you may be predisposed to such as heart disease, diabetes, osteoporosis, hypertension, high cholesterol and colon, breast or skin cancers. Testing to see if you carry the genes that have been linked to these diseases could allow for early diagnosis, treatment, and preventative measures tailored to your specific genetic makeup and lifestyle.

"For example, it's estimated that 600,000 Americans have

'familial hypercholesterolemia,' a disease that causes high cholesterol levels, which in turn contributes to the risk of heart attack," Dr. Atkinson says. "Genetic testing can tell you if you are one of those 600,000 so your doctor can help you create a preventative plan for avoiding cholesterol-linked heart disease."

What you can do: A new genetic test allows doctors to definitively identify people whose genes place them at risk of high cholesterol, putting them at risk for heart disease. If you have a family history of high cholesterol, heart disease before age 45 in men and 55 in women, tendon xanthomas (a waxy-looking build up on tendons in the hands or feet) or known familial hypercholesterolemia, consider getting tested.

## 2. Controlling Obesity at an Earlier Age

Obesity and corresponding diseases such as diabetes, liver and kidney problems, orthopedic injury and ultimately heart disease continue to rise among children, teens and young adults. "For the first time in recorded medical history, we are at risk of life expectancy actually going down," Dr. Atkinson says. "Obesity is a monumental threat to health."

Studies show that as much as a third of all American children and teens are overweight or obese, and yet many parents (around 40 percent by a recent study) don't realize it. Medical professionals are beginning to see more children suffering from obesity-related diseases once

thought to affect only adults.

What you can do: First, recognize if your child is overweight. If your child has a weight problem, get professional help immediately — for the entire family. Children learn health habits at home; lead by example by taking steps to control your own weight and heart health. Create a healthful home environment conducive to good eating and exercise habits: for example, throw out the junk food, cut up vegetables and put them out before dinner, ban eating while watching TV, and take an evening family walk. Also, support community initiatives to fund healthier lunches and more exercise at school.

## 3. Vitamins and Anti-oxidants May Not Be So Good For You After All

Recent studies have shown that anti-oxidants and some vitamins may have less of a positive health impact than previously thought. In fact, some data indicates such supplements may actually boost your risk of some types of cancer, including prostate cancer, increase mortality rates, or fail to have any positive impact on cardiovascular health.

What you can do: "Patients should be aware that many of the benefits claimed by manufacturers of these supplements have not been substantiated by research," Dr. Atkinson says. "For example, studies do not show a benefit from vitamin C, vitamin E, or beta carotene for prevention of cardiovascular events. Do not substitute these supplements for medically proven courses of disease treatment or prevention, including practicing healthful lifestyle habits."

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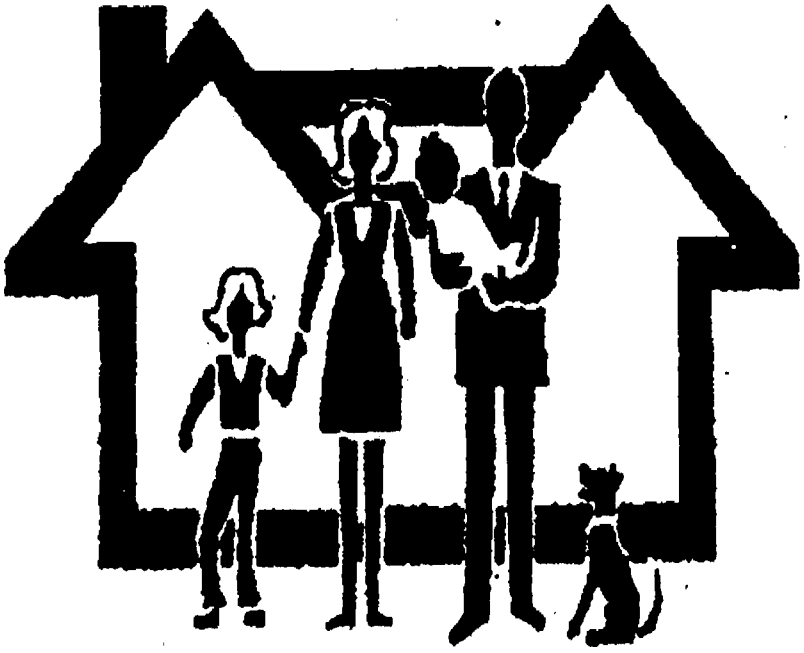
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### 4. DNA Paternity Tests Hit Drugstores

For years, DNA testing was hard to come by. Now, at least one company is selling a paternity test direct to consumers through drugstores. This follows a growing trend of companies marketing genetic testing for different health risks, like breast cancer, directly to consumers. But Dr. Atkinson warns consumers to be cautious.

What you can do: "If you're interested in the information, consider first the consequences of having that knowledge, and how the information may help or harm in any given situation," she says. "Learn about the test, what it can show, and consider the truth and consequences."

### 5. Environmental Health Risks

"The health of the environ-

ment directly impacts our own health," Dr. Atkinson says. "Environmentally responsible lifestyles not only save the planet, they can save us as individuals as well."

Millions of Americans are turning to healthful habits that also benefit the environment, such as eating organically grown produce, walking or biking to work or school, avoiding carcinogens, reducing their contributions to greenhouse gasses, and recycling waste, including leftover medications. These practices can improve your overall health while also reducing your negative impact on the environment.

What you can do: Make lifestyle changes that can benefit the environment, such as committing to reduce your family's output of carbon dioxide — a harmful greenhouse gas — by

3,000 pounds in 2008. Take simple steps — from washing clothes in cold water rather than hot to keeping your tires properly inflated — that are sure to will help.

For more information on these and many other current health issues, visit [www.EveryDayHealth.com](http://www.EveryDayHealth.com).

Dr. Holly G. Atkinson, medical editor-in-chief of *EveryDayHealth.com*, has more than 20 years experience in the field of medical information and education. A former editor-in-chief of "Health News," an assistant professor of medicine at Mt. Sinai Medical School, and adjunct professor of public health at Cornell University, she pens a weekly column — "Notes from Dr. Holly" — for *EveryDayHealth.com*, published by Waterfront Media.

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## Don't get burned: Take control of your health

(NewsUSA) — Most people who have eaten a spicy meal have experienced heartburn, but for many, the problem may be much more frequent than the occasional bout of indigestion. Frequent heartburn can also be a symptom of a more serious problem called Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease or GERD. Acid reflux is caused by the regurgitation or reflux of acidic stomach contents into the esophagus, which connects the mouth and stomach. The symptoms of GERD include burning chest pain, regurgitation of bitter or sour liquid, difficulty swallowing and excessive clearing of the throat.

When GERD is not treated, serious complications can occur. If you are constantly reaching for the antacids at the end of the day, the following tips may help:

1. Don't lie down after eating. When you lie down, it's easier for stomach acid to back up into the esophagus, particularly when you go to bed with a full stomach. Make sure to wait at least three to four hours after eating before going to bed, and try raising the head of your bed.
2. Cut out problem foods. Chocolate, peppermint, tomato sauce and fatty and spicy foods have all been proven to exacerbate the symptoms of heartburn. Making a point to eat smaller meals will also help curb potential heartburn problems.
3. Avoid smoking and excessive amounts of alcohol.

Using tobacco and ingesting alcohol reduce the pressure on the muscle between the esophagus and the stomach, permitting acid reflux to occur.

GERD has a physical cause

and may not be improved by lifestyle factors alone. If you are using over-the-counter medications two or more times a week or are still having symptoms on prescription or other medicines, you need to see your doctor. Persistent symptoms of heartburn and acid reflux should not be ignored.

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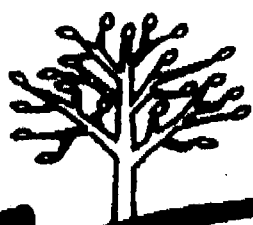
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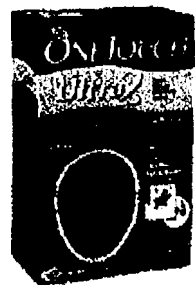




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# How to keep your heart healthy

(ARA) – The heart is an amazing part of the human body. But sadly, heart disease is the number one killer of women over the age of 25 in the United States.

The American Heart Association is trying to change this situation with its "Go Red for Women" program, which encourages women to love their hearts by understanding the risks they face and how to reduce them.

"We can no longer ignore heart disease," says Jennifer Mieres, MD, national spokesperson for "Go Red for Women" and director of nuclear cardiology for New York University School of Medicine. "While awareness is important, it's time for women to take action now."

So what can you do to keep yourself heart-healthy? Here's some good advice from the American Heart Association.

### 1. Stay Active

Your heart is a muscle – treat it

like one. The only way to build muscle strength is to exercise. Current guidelines recommend at least 30 minutes of moderate daily activity.

No time to exercise? That's okay. Don't think exercise, think action. Instead of the elevator, take the stairs whenever possible; take a walk after dinner instead of sitting down and watching TV; park a few blocks from the office or store and walk the rest of the way.

### 2. Eat Smart

Healthy food habits can help you reduce three risk factors for heart attack and stroke – high blood cholesterol, high blood pressure, and excess body weight. Set the stage for success by eating a balanced diet with plenty of fruits, vegetables, cereal and grain products, fat-free and low-fat dairy products, legumes, nuts, fish, poultry and lean meats. You should also eat foods low in saturated fat, trans fat and cholesterol. Keep healthy snacks, such as pre-cut fruits and vegetables on hand, and drink plenty of water.

### 3. Take Time to Just Relax

We all feel stress from time to time, but too much stress over a long period of time, and unhealthy responses to it, may create health problems in some people. If you frequently feel exhausted at the end of the day both physically and emotionally, instead of turning to an unhealthy solution like drinking or smoking, find ways to relax.

### 4. Quit Smoking

If you smoke cigarettes (or cigars), your risk of developing coronary heart disease is two to four times that of nonsmokers. You also have a higher risk of illness and death from heart attack, stroke and other diseases, including lung, mouth and throat cancers; chronic lung diseases and infections; congestive heart failure; and peripheral vascular disease (in the legs and arms).

The good news is that when you stop smoking – no matter how long or how much you've smoked – your risk of heart disease and stroke starts to drop. It is cut in half after one year without smoking, then continues to decline until it's as low as a non-smoker's risk.

### 5. Maintain a Healthy Weight

If you have too much body fat, particularly around the waist area, you're putting yourself at risk for a myriad of health problems, including high blood pressure, high blood cholesterol, high triglycerides, diabetes, heart disease and stroke. Try to reach a healthy weight – and stay there. To lose weight, most women should eat 1,200 to 1,500 calories a day, but not less than 1,200.

Start a new tradition – one that will help your heart and the hearts of those you love for years to come. To learn more about heart-healthy habits go to [www.goredforwomen.org](http://www.goredforwomen.org).

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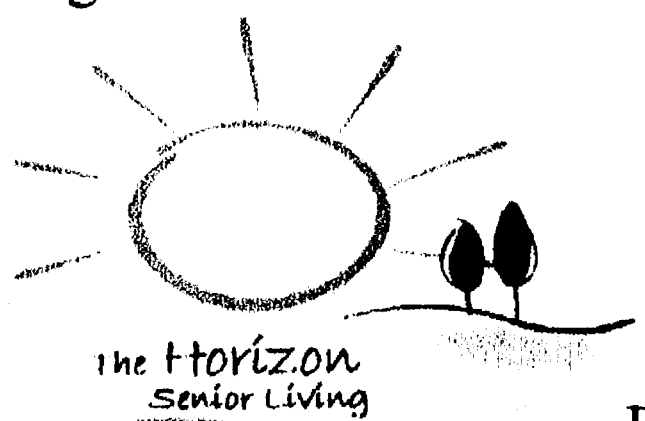


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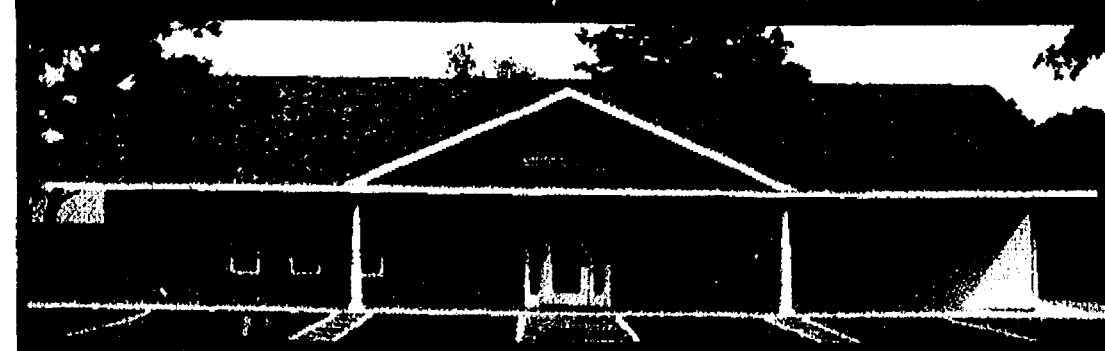
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## Taking care of your feet is not child's play

(NewsUSA) — With winter's cold weather passing and the sunshine beginning to peek through the clouds, it's time for kids to escape the clutches of the television and embrace the playground. Whether it's participating in a game of tag, playing a sport or having fun in the sandbox, plenty of children will be active on their feet this summer.

However, a day in the sun can end with a day at the doctor's office if the proper safety measures are ignored. Before children catch a glimpse of the giant slide at the pool, the oversized toys at the park or the exciting rides at the amusement park, prepare them with the right footwear and protect them with the right care.

These tips from the American Podiatric Medical Association (APMA) could save your child's soles this summer:

- Carefully observe your child's walking patterns. Does your child have toes that point in or out, have knock-knees or other gait abnormalities? These problems can be corrected if they are detected early and treated by a podiatrist.

- Children's feet change size rapidly, so always have your child's feet measured each time you purchase new shoes.

- When shopping for shoes, look for stiff material on either side of the heel, adequate cushioning and a built-in arch. The shoe should bend at the ball of the foot, not in the middle of the shoe. Never wear hand-me-down shoes.

- Limit the time children wear



**Children are at risk for permanently injuring their feet this summer.**

platform or heeled shoes and alternate with good quality sneakers or flat shoes. High-tops generally help prevent ankle sprains.

- Don't buy shoes that need a "break-in" period. Good shoes should feel comfortable right away. For athletic activities, choose a shoe that is designed for the sport your child will be playing.

- Never pack brand-new shoes for your children to wear on vacation.

- Walking barefoot on pavement, hotel or airplane carpeting, in hotel bathrooms or a locker room and near the pool can make your child susceptible to a host of infections. Always wear a pair of flip-flops or strappy sandals made of soft, supple leather to

prevent contracting a bacteria or fungus like athlete's foot or planter warts.

- When applying sunscreen, don't forget to put some on your child's feet. Additionally, always remember to re-apply.

- Lack of complaints by a youngster is not a reliable sign. The bones of growing feet are so flexible that they can be twisted and distorted without the child being aware.

- Be careful about applying home remedies to children's feet. Preparations strong enough to kill certain types of fungus can harm the skin. Your best bet is to visit an APMA member podiatrist for treatment.

For a listing of doctors and for more information, please visit [www.apma.org](http://www.apma.org).



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Line Dancing — 10am  
Poker — 1pm  
Pool League — 2pm  
Price Is Right Game Show — 5:30pm  
Medicine Shoppe Bingo — 5:30pm  
(Last Wednesday of Month)  
Birthday Dinners — 5pm  
Rummage Sale — 11:30-5:30  
(Both 2nd Wednesday of Month)

### Tuesdays

Tone 'n' Tubes — 10am  
Bible Study — 10am  
Euchre — 12:45pm  
Sit & Be Fit — 1pm  
Blood Pressure &  
Sugar Checks — 4-5pm  
Game Night — 5:30pm

### Thursdays

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